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Marine pullout offers preview of what US troops leave behind

Just the basics

By TIM CRAIG
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — When U.S. Marines withdrew from Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan's Helmand province last month, they faced a task that was something like cleaning out a stuffy attic covering 10 square miles. In a series of multibillion-dollar decisions, the Marines and Pentagon planners decided what stayed, what went and what got tossed into the trash — or burned.

They decided to leave 420,000 bottles of water, which if lined up end-to-end would stretch for more than 50 miles. But they incinerated about 10,000 MREs that might have fed Afghans yet were nearing expiration.

More than 7,500 computers were destroyed or given away. But the televisions remained. As for the 1.6 million pounds of ammunition stored on the base? Afghan soldiers taking over will be lucky to find even a single live bullet.

The Marines' departure from Leatherneck, the largest base closure to date of the United States' longest war, offers a preview of the decisions American military leaders are making as coalition forces withdraw from Afghanistan. Mindful of Afghan forces' limitations — and seething over the Islamic State's seizure of former American military compounds and equipment in Iraq — the departing forces here appear to be stripping bases down to just the basics.

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1st Lt. Justin Forsberg, with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, takes down the last antenna during the retrograde of Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on Oct. 27.

JOHN A. MARTINEZ JR./Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can kill someone with a gun or a knife, but a phone might get me 10 more recruits."

— Seamus Hughes, of the National Counterterrorism Center, speaking to parents and Muslim leaders about the ease with which their children can be lured to terror on the Internet

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MILITARY

Finding therapy in 'life of purpose'

Counseling fellow PTSD sufferers helps struggling vet find personal healing

By DAVID ZUCCHINO
Los Angeles Times

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Like thousands of other American soldiers, Douglas Pearce fell apart after he came home from Afghanistan. He was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and depression. He considered suicide.

"Living seemed a much more difficult thing than just dying," he recalled. "If this is all life has to offer, maybe I should opt out, just end it all."

Pearce endured months of difficult therapy, and through the process, set himself on a course to become a therapist himself. Now he's Douglas M. Pearce, marriage and family therapist in training.

Pearce completed a three-year counseling program at a local university in May. He opened a counseling practice in Brentwood, Tenn., outside Nashville, focusing on helping first responders and veterans while also providing marriage and couples counseling. He calls it the Authentic Life Center.

Pearce's career choice is unusual among veterans struggling to confront their combat demons linked to faraway Afghanistan and Iraq. He not only counsels fellow combat veterans but also helps ordinary people face the stresses and disappointments of daily life here in America. But first he had to heal himself.

Hope quest

As part of an internship, Pearce counseled several troubled soldiers at his former base, at nearby Fort Campbell, Ky., after leaving the service in 2012.

"I saw people who were in the same dark place I was," he said. "I was able to enter that darkness with them and help because I was in that place for so long."

As he counseled soldiers, Pearce kept thinking about an Army counselor who had helped him confront his PTSD, his thoughts of suicide and the pain of a divorce.

"He saved my life," Pearce said. "He helped me find hope again."

He remembers telling the counselor, "I want to do what you're doing."

Even as he counsels others, Pearce is still on what he calls "my healing journey." But his personal ordeal helps him understand clients and form deep bonds with those who are in "that same dark place," he said.

He rarely told patients at Fort Campbell that he was an Army veteran. He didn't want to put the focus on himself or get bogged down



DAVID ZUCCHINO, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Army veteran Douglas Pearce found therapy so helpful that he became a therapist.

trading war stories.

But one soldier suffering from PTSD reminded him of his own combat trauma, so Pearce described to him his PTSD and suicidal thoughts. The soldier told him he felt for the first time that healing was possible, and he slowly began to recover.

"I was able to enter that darkness with him and help," Pearce said. "I knew exactly what it was like to be there."

Pearce said he was able to help a troubled soldier and his wife whose marriage was collapsing. He focused on showing them the cause of the pain that was dividing them — the same pain and despair he felt from his own PTSD and divorce.

"Sitting there with that couple, I realized I was doing exactly what I was created to do," he said.

Worst day

Even as he heals, Pearce still cannot shake memories of the worst day of his life: April

20, 2010, on a stretch of highway in eastern Afghanistan.

Soldiers commanded by Pearce, then a U.S. Army lieutenant, opened fire on a vehicle that sped toward their convoy. The driver ignored shouts, honking, flashing lights and warning shots.

The soldiers were devastated when they discovered they had killed four innocent Afghans — a 12-year-old boy, his father and uncle and an off-duty police officer.

They were on their way home from a volleyball game. They were unarmed. No one knows why the driver did not stop.

Pearce still can't let go of something else that happened the day of the shootings, an event that still triggers nightmares and anxiety.

A soldier assigned to help investigate the shooting told him he had made it appear that the fingerprints of some of the victims matched those of known insurgents in a military database, Pearce recalled.

"He thought he was helping me out," he said.

Instead, it only made him feel more guilty, even though the lie was eventually corrected.

What troubled him most, Pearce said, was the likelihood that friends and family members of the dead Afghans believed his soldiers had deliberately targeted innocent people.

"I can only imagine the heartbreak they felt," he said. "I want them to know we handled those remains with respect. We prayed for them. We still pray for them."

Although he didn't fire on the victims himself, Pearce believes he should have somehow found a way to spare their lives.

Four years later, Pearce still sees the boy's face in his nightmares. His jaw had been blown off. An Army investigation cleared Pearce's troops of wrongdoing, but it did not clear Pearce's conscience. He hadn't pulled the trigger, but he shouldered the responsibility for killing four innocent people.

"I wished there was some way I could have told that boy's father I was sorry," he said.

As part of his own therapy this year, Pearce was told to release his guilt by burning a newspaper photo of four caskets at the victims' funeral — a clipping he had kept for nearly four years.

Even as he counsels others now, Pearce said he would never be "completely cured," as he put it. But he believes he's moving closer to becoming whole again.

"I owe it to that 12-year-old boy and those three men to live a life of purpose by helping other people heal," he said.

"Sitting there with that couple (in a counseling session), I realized I was doing exactly what I was created to do."

Douglas Pearce

Army veteran who opened a counseling practice in Brentwood, Tenn.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Room to maneuver



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Abdul Amir al-Shammari, Baghdad Operations Commander, works in the Baghdad Operations Command in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday.

Baghdad anti-Islamic State war room model for Iraq-US command

By VIVIAN SALAMA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — As Washington warns of a drawn-out fight against the Islamic State and the Obama administration looks to send more American troops to help Iraq in the war against the extremists, Baghdad has offered its top war room as a model for a joint U.S.-Iraqi command headquarters.

Since August, when the U.S.-led airstrikes began, 12 American advisory teams have been based in Iraq, stationed in operations centers in Baghdad and Irbil, the capital of the northern autonomous Kurdish region.

Last week, an American advisory mission visited Iraq's western Anbar province to survey the al-Asad air base, formerly the largest coalition base in western Iraq, as the Americans search for potential training locations.

All the while, the Baghdad Operations Command, a war room that is the very nerve center in the battle against the Islamic State



The exterior of the Baghdad Operations Command is heavily fortified, but on the inside it resembles a botanical garden, with roaming peacocks and caged exotic birds.

group, has become the joint command headquarters for American and Iraqi commanders, Iraqi officers said during a recent tour of the premises by The Associated Press.

It already has proven criti-

cal for Iraqi military victories against the Islamic State such as the liberation of the town of Beiji, from where Iraqi troops drove out the extremists on Friday.

Once inside the military facility in the heart of Baghdad,

which entails passing through several checkpoints and weaving around towering blast walls, the place looks more like a botanical garden than a military command post, complete with peacocks roaming the grounds and caged exotic birds.

Inside the nerve center, video monitors show surveillance of the four major roads leading in and out of Baghdad — including highways to Fallujah and Mosul, the Sunni militant group's two biggest strongholds. Men in uniform are on the phone with commanders on the front lines, getting live data from the fight, including casualties, advances, and reinforcement and ammunition requirements.

"We have (U.S.) advisers working with us here in Baghdad and they are heavily involved in our daily planning," said Gen. Abdul Amir al-Shammari, Baghdad Operations Commander. "We're also pursuing more opportunities with them for training, and to develop on training skills our forces had

already acquired."

American advisers, in plain clothes, were visible on the premises but declined to comment. The Americans collect the data from Iraqi commanders and incorporate it into U.S.-led coalition's plans for precise airstrikes. Advisers from Great Britain and France, two countries involved in the coalition aerial campaign, drop by for regular meetings.

Similar command centers exist in all of Iraq's 19 provinces. The Baghdad Operations Command, opened in 2007, has served as a hub for all military communications, and formerly served as a coordinating center between Iraqi forces and U.S. troops before they withdrew from Iraq at the end of 2011.

Recently, efforts to retake strategic locations, including the Mosul Dam in northern Iraq, and more recently, the town of Jurf al-Sukhar, south of Baghdad, were coordinated almost entirely from the command centers in Irbil and Baghdad.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Top US general in Iraq to assess campaign

By HAMZA HENDAWI
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — America's top military leader arrived in Iraq on Saturday on a previously unannounced visit, his first since a U.S.-led coalition began launching airstrikes against the extremist Islamic State group.

The visit by Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, came just two days after the top Congress that the United States would consider dispatching a modest number of American forces to fight with Iraqi troops against the ex-

trémist group.

The Iraqi military and security forces, trained by the U.S. at the cost of billions of dollars, melted away in the face of the group's stunning offensive this summer, when it captured most of northern and western Iraq, including the country's second-largest city, Mosul.

Dempsey said Thursday that Iraqi forces were doing a better job now, although an effort to move into Mosul or to restore the border with Syria would require more complex operations.

He also told the U.S. House Armed Services Committee that America has a modest force in

Iraq now, and that "any expansion of that, I think, would be equally modest."

"I just don't foresee a circumstance when it would be in our interest to take this fight on ourselves with a large military contingent," he said.

Dempsey's spokesman, Air Force Col. Ed Thomas, said the general planned to visit U.S. troops, commanders and Iraqi leaders. "The primary purpose of his visit is to get a firsthand look at the situation in Iraq, receive briefings, and get better sense of how the campaign is progressing."

The visit so far has included

talks in Baghdad with U.S. Ambassador Stuart E. Jones and Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, Thomas said.

Dempsey later flew to Irbil, capital of Iraq's largely autonomous northern Kurdish region, where the U.S. has a joint operations center. Thomas said Dempsey met in Irbil with Kurdish Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani.

The Pentagon has plans to establish an expeditionary advise-and-assist center in Irbil, where U.S. troops will provide assistance to Iraqi forces at the brigade and higher headquarters levels.

The U.S. also is planning to set up a training site around Irbil,

where teams can train and equip Iraqi brigades.

According to plans laid out last week, the U.S. expects to train nine Iraqi security forces brigades and three Kurdish peshmarga brigades.

Dempsey's visit to Iraq comes just one day after Iraqi forces drove Islamic State militants out of a strategic oil refinery town north of Baghdad, scoring their biggest battlefield victory yet.

On Saturday, state television said government forces were in full control of the refinery, Iraq's largest, which lies some 15 miles north of the town of Beiji.

US: Khorasan group targeted in airstrike

By NABIH BULOS
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Los Angeles Times

AMMAN, Jordan — American warplanes have struck for a third time an al-Qaida-linked extremist faction operating in Syria, the U.S. military's Central Command said Friday.

A single airstrike targeted the Khorasan group, CENTCOM said in a statement, referring to a network of senior al-Qaida operatives that U.S. officials have said is plotting terrorist attacks against targets in the West.

The Khorasan group operates in coordination with the Nusra Front, al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, according to U.S. officials.

The raid was one of 20 conducted by the U.S.-led coalition between Wednesday and Friday, the military said. All but three of the attacks occurred near the north-central Syrian city of Kobani, where Kurdish militiamen have been fending off an assault by militants of the Islamic State group for weeks.

U.S. officials say the main goal of the air campaign is to destroy Islamic State, an al-Qaida offshoot that has overrun large swaths of territory in Syria and neighboring Iraq. However, in September and last week, warplanes also targeted Khorasan, whose existence was revealed by American officials last month as the bombing campaign in Iraq was extended to Syria.

In an apparent reference to

the latest strike, Syrian activists reported that a drone aircraft launched two rockets in the Syrian town of Harem, close to the Turkish border in the northern province of Idlib, much of which is under rebel control. The pro-opposition Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the strike targeted an "agricultural center," killing two men in the vicinity.

However, a pro-government Facebook page put the death toll at more than 20 and said the center had served as the local headquarters for the Nusra Front.

Like previous attacks on the Khorasan group, U.S. officials said the latest strike did not specifically target Nusra, a Sunni Islamist group that is among the most powerful and radical rebel groups fighting the government of President Bashar Assad.

Syrian opposition activists said, however, that the true target of the strikes against Khorasan is the Nusra Front, which has considerable support in Syrian opposition zones.

The Nusra Front has long had a working relationship with elements of the U.S.-backed Free Syrian Army, a loosely organized rebel umbrella group. In recent weeks, however, Nusra fighters have reportedly been attacking Free Syrian Army positions in northern Syria.

Many opposition activists in Syria and elsewhere doubt the existence of Khorasan, contending that the targets being attacked are actually Nusra Front strongholds.



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Syrian citizens check a house they say was damaged by coalition airstrikes in September in Mfar Derian, a base for the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front. On Saturday, a human rights group said government airstrikes have killed at least 115 people since the beginning of November.

Residents, rebels fight in Syrian capital

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Rare internal fighting broke out in a rebel stronghold east of the capital Damascus between armed residents and members of a powerful opposition faction, activists said Saturday.

The activists said the fighting broke out Friday and continued Saturday between residents and members of the Islamic Army in the suburb of Douma that is almost surrounded by forces loyal to President Bashar Assad.

A Syria-based activist who goes by the name of Mohammed Orabi said the clashes began when residents attacked the storage units of

influential merchants who dominate the local food distribution business to protest high prices.

Orabi and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said guards at the units opened fire, seriously wounding several residents.

The Observatory said one of the storage units attacked is controlled by the Justice Charitable Institution that is close to the Islamic Army.

The Islamic Army, a powerful rebel faction which tightly controls Douma, receives funding from some of these merchants, activists say, and is fighting local

residents to defend them.

"People are angry with the Islamic Army because they back the merchants," Orabi said via Skype. "People want the prices to go down."

"The fighting has been ongoing since yesterday," he added saying that at least 11 people have been wounded.

Also on Saturday, the Observatory, which relies on a network of activists around the country, said the government air force has conducted 581 airstrikes since the beginning of November, killing at least 115 people including 19 children.

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WAR/MILITARY

Basics: Reducing need for equipment maintenance a consideration

FROM FRONT PAGE

Though about 20,000 American troops remain in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama has promised to reduce that number to 9,800 by the end of December, with all troops gone by the end of 2016. So far this year, about 60 coalition bases have been closed or handed over to the Afghans. Another 25 remain, including sprawling Bagram and Kandahar airfields, and will likely be turned over to Afghan control within two years.

"We are trying to figure out how to leave as little as possible in terms of infrastructure and equipment, but on the other hand giving them as much as they can handle," said Col. Doug Patterson, logistics officer for Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan, who managed the pullout.

'A steady glide'

Before leaving Leatherneck, the Marines dismantled 300 buildings, flew out hundreds of armored vehicles and tried to use up their vast stockpiles of fuel. What was left included just concrete buildings and bunkers, generators, air conditioners, television sets and underground utilities.

Since January, about 600 million pounds of U.S. military equipment have been transported out of the country, including 25,000 vehicles and 20-foot containers packed with everything from artillery pieces to coffee pots. The U.S.-led coalition plans to move out about 8,000 containers and vehicles before the new year, commanders said. The U.S. military's withdrawal from Afghanistan is expected to cost \$5 billion to \$7 billion, according to U.S. Central Command.

"It's been a very steady glide path," said Lt. Col. Michelle Ager, an Australian who heads the international coalition's Redeployment Cell. "We are nearly where we need to be to conduct" the post-2014 mission.

Patterson and Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, commander of the coalition's joint command, stressed that concerns about the Islamic State's expansion in Iraq — and concerns that the Afghan Taliban might do the same — are minor factors in the decision-making. Instead, military leaders say they are making choices based on efficiency, cost to American taxpayers and Afghan forces' ability to maintain hand-ne-don'ts.

Maj. Gen. Sayed Malik Malak, commander of the Afghan army unit that took over Camp Leatherneck, said he was satisfied with what remained.

"They left behind lots of televisions, and that's enough for us," Malak said. "Things like MRAPs (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles), we can't maintain that stuff because we don't have the workshop and we don't have the spare parts."

But some Afghan commanders say they've felt slighted by coalition forces elsewhere.

"They left behind a generator, two containers and some gym equipment like weights, which were usable," said one commander at a Kandahar base that was handed over to Afghan forces



PHOTOS BY JOHN A. MARTINEZ JR./Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Above: U.S. Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, greet a member of the Afghanistan National Army as he takes his post aboard Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on Oct. 27. Below: Marines with the regiment's Weapons Company wait to depart from the Camp Bastion airfield that day.



this year. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. "But they took the things that we really needed, like their radios and Internet systems. ... In another nearby base, they left just a few tents," he added.

Buildings sold for scrap

The closure of Camp Leatherneck vividly illustrated the choices Pentagon leaders are making as they pass security responsibility to the Afghan military, an allied force that is still struggling to battle a resurgent Taliban.

Worried the Afghans wouldn't be able to maintain a base built to accommodate 26,000 people, the

Marines sold many of the wooden or metal buildings on the scrap market to shrink the base to one that can house just 10,000 people.

Among the buildings left standing was the 64,000-square-foot, \$28 million command-and-control structure — constructed for U.S. forces but never used — that became a symbol of Pentagon excesses during the war.

"It's basically bare-bones, but has lights and power," Patterson said. "We did put some furniture in there."

Of the 298 concrete buildings left standing, many stayed equipped with air conditioners and generators.

But the Marines removed all of the computers from the base,

'If you give them (Afghan forces) too much, then they become a garrison force focused on infrastructure instead of the people and ensuring that the country is safe.'

Col. Doug Patterson
logistics officer for Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan

even those that did not handle classified material. In addition to those that were destroyed, another 1,800 were flown out of Afghanistan, according to a Marine spokeswoman.

One Marine even tossed his \$500 Xbox game system in the trash because he was unable to carry it with him but didn't want to leave it behind.

"If you leave it, then you have to help take care of it," Patterson said of the decision not to leave computers.

In all, Patterson said, 16,000 pieces of major equipment were removed from Leatherneck, re-

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The number of pounds of U.S. military equipment transported out of Afghanistan since January, including 25,000 vehicles and 20-foot containers packed with everything from artillery pieces to coffee pots.

quiring 2,000 sorties in just the last 22 days of the Marines' mission. Among the items were hundreds of MRAPs and other armored vehicles that they quietly flew out of Afghanistan in early October.

For their final days on the base, despite continued security threats in one of Afghanistan's most dangerous provinces, Marines were left with only beat-up trucks and all-terrain quads. The base's quick reaction force, a heavily armed contingent called upon to respond to a Taliban assault or an emergency, roamed in white minivans. The only fuel remaining was the amount the Marines needed to get out of Helmand, Patterson said.

The Marines also made sure that the vast stockpiles of ammunition were gone before Afghan troops took control. About half was blown up on site, while the other half was flown back to the United States or to military depots in Kuwait or other parts of Afghanistan. The final 873 Marines to leave the base also carried out about 103,000 rounds of ammunition.

Patterson said U.S. commanders worry most that Afghan forces would become overwhelmed with maintenance responsibilities if too many items are left behind.

"If you give them too much, then they become a garrison force focused on infrastructure instead of the people and ensuring that the country is safe," Patterson said. "There was a lot of discussion: Do we leave everything or take everything down to desert?"

The Marines did leave their dining hall, as well as all those bottles of water. Bottled on site over the years, the water left by the Marines added to a stockpile of 3 million bottles left by departing British forces, a Marine spokeswoman said.

The water may come in handy, however, if the 1,800 Afghan troops who plan to live at Camp Leatherneck decide to take up weight lifting. Among the material the Marines left were at least 14 fully equipped gyms to help Afghan soldiers bulk up for their continued fight against the Taliban.

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MILITARY

Ex-SEAL makes no apologies for going public

By KEN DILANIAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill, who says he fired the shots that killed Osama bin Laden, played a role in some of the most consequential combat missions of the post-9/11 era, including three depicted in Hollywood movies. And now he's telling the world about them.

By doing so, O'Neill has almost certainly increased his earning power on the speaking circuit. He also may have put himself and his family at greater risk. And he has earned the enmity of some current and former SEALs by violating their code of silence.

But O'Neill, a recipient of two Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars, makes no apologies for any of that. In a wide-ranging interview Friday with The Associated Press, he said he believes the American public has a right to more details about the operation that killed the al-Qaida leader and other important military adventures. And he insisted he is taking pains not to divulge classified information nor to compromise the tactics SEALs use to get the drop on their enemies.

"The last thing I want to do is endanger anybody," he said. "I think the good of going public outweighs the bad."

O'Neill, who last week began discussing his role in the bin Laden mission, was in Washington for a round of television and media appearances that drew

both praise and criticism.

After helicoptering to the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, assaulting the house and killing three men and a woman, some of the SEALs reached the third floor, where a CIA analyst had told O'Neill that bin Laden would be. O'Neill followed an unnamed point man into bin Laden's bedroom, he told the AP, and the point man tackled two women, believing they had a bomb, in what O'Neill calls an incredibly selfless act.

"A few feet in front of me, on two feet, was Osama bin Laden," O'Neill said. "I shot him three times in the head and I killed him."

Many are impressed by the deed, but not everyone is impressed with the telling.

"We work in secret and we pride ourselves on that, so if somebody comes out and spills this much, it angers the rest of us," Jonathan Gilliam, a former SEAL, said in an interview.

But Debra Burlingame, whose brother, Charles Burlingame, was the pilot of the hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon, has said that O'Neill's descriptions were gratifying to the relatives of victims at a 9/11 museum ceremony where he donated the uniform he was wearing.

O'Neill also was on the 2009 mission to rescue the captain of the merchant ship Maersk Alabama, who was taken hostage by Somali pirates. That episode was featured in the Tom Hanks movie "Captain Phillips."



ERIC J. HARRISON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Helping hands

A boy carries his father's helmet from an EA-6B Prowler with the "Garudas" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 134 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. The Garudas are returning home from a nine-month deployment embarked aboard the USS George H. W. Bush. The EA-6B Prowler will officially retire from naval service once VAQ-134 transitions to the EA-18G Growler later next year.

Man held in confrontation at Navy base

By STEPHEN SINGER
The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A man stabbed a police officer outside a gate of the Navy's submarine base in Connecticut because he was angry that he was denied entry to visit his brother, military investigators said Friday.

Gary Ray Brumache appeared Friday in U.S. District Court in Hartford on charges including assault of a federal officer. He did not enter a plea and his attorney declined to speak with reporters.

Two civilian Defense Depart-

ment police officers were injured in the Thursday evening confrontation. One was struck by a ricochet when an officer fired several shots at Brumache, and the other suffered a minor stab wound to the leg. Both were treated at a hospital and were released.

In an interview with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Brumache said he walked from his home in Norwich to see his brother on the base in Groton and became agitated when police said he could not enter, according to the complaint.

Brumache lunged at one officer with a knife, and when he disregarded warnings, another officer used pepper spray, investigators said. Brumache then turned on the officer with the pepper spray and stabbed his leg, authorities said. An officer fired "approximately three rounds" from his service pistol, but Brumache was not hit by any of the bullets, according to the complaint.

Brumache was treated at a hospital for exposure for pepper spray. A detention hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

Navy deploys its first laser weapon in Persian Gulf

By TONY CAPACCIO
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Navy has deployed on a command ship in the Persian Gulf its first laser weapon capable of destroying a target.

The amphibious transport ship USS Ponce has been patrolling with a prototype 30-kilowatt-class Laser Weapon System since late August, according to officials. The laser is mounted facing the bow, and can be fired in several modes — from a dazzling warning flash to a destructive beam — and can set a drone or a small boat on fire.

The Ponce "provides a unique platform" to deploy the new capability "in an operationally relevant region," Vice Adm. John Miller, the 5th Fleet commander, said in an emailed statement. The ship is the 5th Fleet's primary

command and control afloat staging base for operations.

Since 2011, the Navy has boosted its presence in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's traded oil flows. Equipped with naval mines and small vessels that practice swarming tactics to attack larger warships, Iranian officials have periodically threatened to close the waterway.

The Navy's laser wasn't specifically designed or deployed to counter Iran's arsenal of small armed vessels, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert said in an interview earlier this year.

"I wouldn't target a country for a weapon, nor would I preclude putting together a weapons system for a country by itself," he said.

The laser deployment is "a

worthwhile experiment" because "it'll help us feel out the operational limitations" such as power constraints, Frank Kendall, the Pentagon's top weapons buyer said at a Bloomberg Government breakfast in April.

However, he said, "I still think we have some work to do on the technology side."

"What am I looking for? How does it operate in that environment — heat, humidity, dust and at sea," Greenert said in the interview. "It's got to roll, move around, how much power does it take to sustain it?"

"I have to take it out and get it wet, and the Arabian Gulf's a pretty tough environment," he said.

Naval Sea Systems Command technicians developed the prototype over seven years at a cost of about \$40 million. The Ponce

crew was authorized to deploy the weapon after it passed a series of at-sea tests, including laser static surface targets, the 5th Fleet spokesman Commander Kevin Stephens said in an email statement.

The prototype focuses the light from six solid-state commercial welding lasers on a single spot, according to a July 31 Congressional Research Service report. It "can effectively counter surface and airborne threats, to include small boats" and drones, Miller said, and firing it costs about a dollar per shot, according to the Navy.

The device can emit progressively stronger beams, first to warn an adversary, and then to destroy it if necessary. Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder said at a Bloomberg Government session this year.

The laser can be adjusted to fire a nonlethal, dazzling flash at an incoming vessel so they know it's there "all the way to lethal," Klunder said. The laser's range is classified.

New York-based L-3 Communications Holdings and Penn State University's Electro Optics Center have provided components and engineering support.

The lessons from the one-year Ponce deployment will feed Navy laser development by industry teams led by BAE Systems, Northrop Grumman and Raytheon, to field a more powerful weapon, possibly by 2021.

Those efforts are separate from military laser designators to guide precision munitions, non-lethal crowd control devices or discontinued instruments intended to blind enemy electro-optical sensors.

MILITARY

DOD plans to change surplus gear program

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is pursuing changes to a program that provides surplus military equipment to law enforcement agencies, a Pentagon official told members of Congress on Thursday.

The flow of excess tactical gear to local law enforcement came under scrutiny in August following clashes between protesters and heavily armed police in Ferguson, Mo.

Amid criticism of the militarization of municipal police

departments, the White House has since ordered a review of the Pentagon's 1033 program — a congressionally authorized initiative that provides surplus weapons, gear and other equipment to thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country — and similar programs.

At a House Armed Services subcommittee hearing Thursday, Alan Estevez, a Defense Department undersecretary who oversees the program, said that though the program was still under review, the Pentagon was

‘[The overall program] is a good use of taxpayer dollars.’

Alan Estevez

Defense Department undersecretary

committed to improved consultation with the departments of Justice and Homeland Security.

That increased consultation would include notifying both departments when a law enforcement agency has been suspended

or terminated from participating in the program.

The Associated Press reported in September that there was nothing to bar police departments investigated by the Justice Department for civil rights

violations from receiving tactical weaponry under the Pentagon program.

Estevez said the Pentagon will also work with state coordinators to ensure that law enforcement agencies have a training plan in place when they request equipment such as armored vehicles.

He defended the program overall, saying the military equipment has saved lives during natural disasters like Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and other crises.

“It is a good use of taxpayer dollars,” he said.



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Newlyweds Sgt. Joe Johnson, a paraplegic veteran, and Michelle Johnson enjoy their first dance during their June wedding in Noblesville, Ind.

Paralyzed vet surprises bride

The Associated Press

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — A paralyzed veteran from Indiana is getting national attention for a wedding surprise his new bride will likely never forget.

Sgt. Joe Johnson, 27, left his wheelchair behind for the first dance with his wife, Michelle, during their wedding reception in Noblesville in June. A video posted on Veterans Day shows Johnson using a harness he and his friends created to help him

stand for the dance.

WGN-TV reported that he kept his plan a secret from the bride, a Fishers wedding planner who organized every other detail of their wedding.

Wedding photographer Jennifer Davis said the moment left everyone in tears.

WTHR-TV reported that the veteran suffered a spinal cord injury during a motorcycle accident shortly after he returned from Afghanistan and met his future wife.



2,100 in Guard, Reserve deploying to fight Ebola

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has authorized the mobilization of roughly 2,100 troops from the Army Reserve and National Guard to deploy to Africa to aid in relief efforts to stem the Ebola outbreak.

Army officials were in the process of notifying soldiers and their families Friday, according to Rear Adm. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman.

Hagel signed the authorization Thursday night.

The troops, who will replace forces in Liberia and Senegal as part of Operation United Assistance, will receive training in

Ebola prevention and medical readiness before deploying.

Some 2,200 U.S. troops are now deployed to Liberia to help build treatment facilities, train health care workers and provide testing services to identify those who are infected.

About 80 U.S. troops who returned Thursday from Africa will be quarantined for 21 days at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia.

None was exhibiting symptoms of the deadly virus.

The World Health Organization reported last week that Ebola has killed more than 5,000 people in Africa and sickened an additional 14,000.

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NATION

Videos spur renewed call for health law repeal

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Newly surfaced videos are adding fresh energy to the efforts of U.S. congressional conservatives to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, feeding into their contentions that the overhaul was approved through a scheme of deception.

Some are calling anew for hearings on the law, which is about to begin its second year of health insurance coverage for millions of Americans. And activists are telling lawmakers to make good on their talk of scrapping the law or face defeat in the next elections.

The videos show Massachusetts Institute of Technology economist Jonathan Gruber, an adviser in the law's drafting, saying that "the stupidity of the American voter" helped Democrats pass the complex legislation, regarded by the Obama administration as its signature accomplishment and likely to figure strongly in the president's legacy.

"The Gruber clip has caught fire," said David Bozell, whose ForAmerica group campaigns against the health care law online.

In one video, Gruber described what he depicts as the behind-the-scenes political strategy of the law's supporters. At a 2013 public forum, he said Americans' lack of understanding helped Democrats pass the legislation.

Other impolitic statements have continued to dribble out in which Gruber claimed that the law was written to deceive federal budget watchdogs and mocked conservatives' concerns over health care policy.

He has since disavowed the most controversial remarks, saying he "spoke inappropriately and I regret having made those comments."

Republicans, who made big gains during last week's congressional elections, have stood unified against the law they deride as "Obamacare," and they now point to Gruber's comments as yet another reason to dump it. They say the remarks show a cynical strategy by Democrats to camouflage the law's politically unpalatable aspects and to sneak them past an unsuspecting public.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a lead-



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Jonathan Gruber, in his Lexington, Mass., home in 2011. Newly surfaced videos show Gruber, an MIT economist who was an adviser in the health care law's drafting, saying "the stupidity of the American voter" helped Democrats pass the complex legislation, among other incendiary claims.

ing Republican, is among those calling for hearings, perhaps including Gruber as a witness.

"This is what we complained about when we fought it for all those months on the floor. Nobody understood it," McCain said.

The videos have put Democrats on the defensive. Traveling with Obama in Asia last week, White House press secretary Josh Earnest defended the health law and said he would "disagree vigorously" with Gruber's assessment. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat instrumental in the law's passage, said she did not know Gruber — despite having cited his analysis at least once in the past during an on-camera briefing with reporters.

"He didn't help write our bill," she said last week.

Both policy and politics are in play for the Republicans. If congressional Republicans fail to push hard for repeal, they'll face angered activists.

As the head of one influential conservative organization met with activists in Georgia last week, the mere mention of Gruber's name drew jeers and brought people to their feet.

"It certainly has lit a fire among the grass roots," said Heritage Action for America chief executive Michael Needham. "All it does is confirm what everyone knows: I don't think anyone in this country thought this law was passed without obfuscation."

Hopes, fears up as sign-up season opens

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The second sign-up season under President Barack Obama's health overhaul opened Saturday, with hopes that this time consumers will have a positive experience.

But the fear is that entrenched political opposition and renewed legal challenges may yet collapse the program that's bringing health care to millions of previously uninsured Americans. The administration can't afford another technology meltdown.

With 7 million paying customers in new insurance markets, the Affordable Care Act has shown it is helping to reduce the number of uninsured. Insurers, not known for altruism, have stuck with the fledgling program despite ongoing technical headaches with the HealthCare.gov website. More companies are participating for 2015, a sign they see a business opportunity.

Obama urged consumers, whether they currently buy coverage through the insurance markets or still need to sign up for plans, to go to the health care website and review their options. He said they could end up saving money or finding better plans, and urged them to act fast because the enrollment period closes Feb. 15.

"This window won't stay open forever. You only have three months to shop for plans, so it's worth starting right away. And it might make a big difference for your family's bottom line." Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address, which the White House released as the president visited Brisbane, Australia.

Senate to get House bill approving oil pipeline

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled House has passed legislation approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline, setting the stage for a Senate showdown that mixes energy politics with a fight over Louisiana's Senate seat.

The vote Friday was 252-161 in favor of the bill.

The legislation got new life after Senate Democrats suddenly abandoned efforts to block the measure in hopes of winning the seat in a tight race from the midterm elections.

Senate passage of the bill as early as next Tuesday would force President Barack Obama either to sign it into law or to veto the measure just weeks after devastating Democratic losses in the Nov. 4 elections. Obama has delayed a decision on the pipeline, which environmentalists maintain would have a negative impact and would contribute to climate change.

From The Associated Press

IG: \$2B in disability claims OK'd by mistake

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A small group of Social Security judges have improperly approved disability claims for nearly 25,000 people who didn't qualify, costing taxpayers \$2 billion during the past seven years, government investigators conclude in a report being released Monday.

The price tag will grow by nearly \$300 million next year because many of these people are still getting benefits, the report said.

Social Security's office of inspector general is scheduled to release a report on the judges Monday. The Associated Press obtained a copy Friday.

Investigators examined cases decided by 44 judges who had been approving disability claims at unusually high rates. The judges were labeled "outliers" because they had approved 85

percent of the claims they had heard in at least two of the previous seven years. During these years, the judges decided at least 700 cases per year.

The judges represent about 4 percent of the administrative law judges, or ALJs, who decide disability claims for Social Security, the report said.

"The Social Security Administration's failure to conduct timely medical eligibility reviews has resulted in rubber-stamped decisions that have and will continue to cost taxpayers billions in improper awards," Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., said in a statement. "In failing to take meaningful disciplinary action at the Social Security Administration, even after the most egregious cases of mismanagement, taxpayers are left to wonder, who is looking after their tax dollars?"

Issa chairs the House Oversight Committee, requested

the inspector general's investigation, along with Rep. James Lankford, R-Okla., who chairs one of the panel's subcommittees.

"These results demonstrate the fact that our greatest concerns have been true for years," Lankford said. "SSA has allowed ALJs to carry large case loads and has encouraged quantity over quality."

Social Security spokeswoman LaVenia J. LaVelle said it is important to note that administrative law judges have "qualified" independence in their decisions, "which allows them to issue decisions consistent with the law and agency policy, rather than decisions influenced by pressure to reach a particular result."

"The primary purpose for the ALJs qualified decisional independence is to enhance public confidence in the essential fairness of an agency's decision-making process," LaVelle said in

a statement.

The report said the Social Security Administration has improved oversight of judges in the past several years, reducing the number of judges that approve claims at unusually high rates.

The report also noted that 15 of the 44 judges have been disciplined, including one who was let go when his or her contract expired. None of judges was identified in the report.

Once investigators identified the 44 judges who were approving large numbers of claims, they randomly selected 275 claims that had been approved by those judges. Of those cases, investigators determined that 38 should have been denied or dismissed. Another 108 should have been sent back to the judge for further consideration. In all, investigators found "quality issues" with 216 of the cases — nearly 80 percent.

NATION



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LuAnn Lewis, right, fights back tears as Nancy Escalante, the supervisor of the marriage license department, finalizes her application for a marriage license Thursday at the Shawnee County Courthouse in Topeka, Kan.

Same-sex couples file appeal to Supreme Court

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Same-sex couples seeking the right to marry are asking the Supreme Court to settle the issue of gay marriage nationwide.

Appeals were filed Friday urge the justices to review last week's lower-court ruling that upheld anti-gay marriage laws in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

The ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Cincinnati, was the first appellate ruling to side with states seeking to preserve gay marriage bans since the Supreme Court struck down part of a federal anti-gay marriage law last year.

Last month, the justices rejected appeals from five states of rulings favoring same-sex couples, but that was before the recent ruling created a division among lower courts.

Same-sex couples can marry in 32 states, parts of Kansas and Missouri, and the District of Columbia.

The Kentucky and Michigan cases involve the right of same-sex couples to marry. The Ohio appeal focuses on the state's refusal to recognize out-of-state gay marriages because of its own ban, while the Tennessee case is narrowly focused on the rights of three same-sex couples.

In asking the Supreme Court to reverse the 6th circuit, the plaintiffs in Ohio pressed the argument that states should be forced to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere. The 6th

Thomas hints at split on gay marriage review

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Justice Clarence Thomas suggested Thursday that the Supreme Court was divided over whether to hear the gay marriage cases the justices rejected last month.

Thomas offered a peek at what happened behind the scenes when the court turned away appeals from Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin on Oct. 6.

At the time, the justices said nothing to explain their action and there was no way to know whether the court was unanimous.

But Thomas made reference to the same-sex marriage cases in a statement he attached to a high court order in an unrelated immigration case from Arizona.

He said he doesn't under-

stand why the court did not hear appeals from the states that sought to preserve their bans on same-sex weddings.

The court often reviews decisions striking down state laws. "But for reasons that escape me, we have not done so with any consistency, especially in recent months," Thomas wrote, joined by Justice Antonin Scalia.

It takes four justices to grant review of a lower-court decision.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has said the court did not get involved then because lower appellate courts had all ruled the same way — in favor of same-sex couples.

But last week, the federal appeals court in Cincinnati upheld anti-gay marriage laws in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee and created a division that the Supreme Court is expected to resolve.

had previously stated that it did not anticipate opposing a Supreme Court review of the same-sex marriage issue," Tierney said.

The speed with which the appeals are being filed — eight days after the ruling — indicates the court could take up and decide the issue this term, by the end of June.

Police: Veteran beaten by man he met at NC gay bar

By ALLEN G. BREED
AND MICHAEL BIESECKER
The Associated Press

A North Carolina man is accused of beating a veteran he met at a gay bar, police said.

The victim had most of both arms amputated after he was severely burned when the hotel room they were in caught fire, his longtime partner said.

Garry Joseph Gupton, 26, a Greensboro city employee, has been charged with aggravated assault with intent to kill in connection with the early Sunday attack. Police spokeswoman Susan Daniels said there is no indication the incident was motivated by the sexuality of the victim, Stephen Patrick White, 46.

"We believe this was a consensual encounter between the two of them, and at some point Mr. Gupton began acting incredibly irrational," Daniels said.

White's longtime partner, Alex Teal, told The Associated Press he and White had been dating since 2009 and still lived together, but they "decided to take a break" this summer. On Sunday, Teal said, they agreed to try again starting the next day.

"So that night was his last night of freedom," Teal said.

Robert Porter, a bartender at Chemistry, said Gupton told him he'd been experimenting with men since he was 19, and it had taken about a month and a half to

work up the courage to enter the bar.

White and Gupton left together in a cab around closing time, bartender Jim Olive said.

About 4:30 a.m., an employee at the Greensboro hotel called 911 to report a man screaming. About the same time, the fire alarm was tripped.

Police arrested Gupton and evacuated the hotel. Firefighters found White unconscious and badly burned in a fourth-floor room.

Gupton has not entered a plea and is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail. His next court appearance is Dec. 10.

Guilford County Assistant District Attorney Howard Newman said it appeared White was struck with a telephone, a television and a small piece of furniture. He said he expected to file arson charges, as the fire appeared to be intentionally set.

White remained in critical condition Friday, and two local bars planned to hold fundraisers Saturday to help cover his treatment.

Teal said White served in the Army during the late 1980s, then spent several years with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Air Marshal Service. He worked as a security contractor in Iraq in 2005 when he suffered severe injuries in a blast, Teal said.



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NATION

FBI outreach puts focus on jihadi recruiting

By SADIE GURMAN
The Associated Press

DENVER — Gathered under the fluorescent lights of an austere Denver mosque, a group of parents stared at a photo projected on a wall in front of them.

It showed a knife, a gun and a phone. Some seemed perplexed. “You can kill someone with a gun or a knife, but a phone might get me 10 more recruits,” said Seamus Hughes, of the National Counterterrorism Center, who traveled from Washington to speak to parents and Muslim leaders about the case with which their children can be lured to ter-

ror on the Internet.

Thursday night’s meeting was the first formal encounter between federal counterterrorism officials and Denver’s tight-knit Muslim community since authorities last month stopped three suburban Denver girls from flying to Syria to join Islamic State extremists. It’s part of a joint effort by Muslim leaders and federal law enforcement around the country to stop kids from going overseas to fight in purported holy wars.

“I want to build a relationship with your community,” said Thomas Ravenelle, special agent in charge of the Denver FBI of-

fice. “We don’t want to be talking with you for the first time the next time children go overseas.”

As terror recruiting becomes easier in an increasingly connected world, there have been alarming cases of young Americans joining Islamic extremists across the country. Law enforcement and community leaders in Minneapolis, for example, have been working together for years after authorities learned in 2008 that small groups of young Somali men had gone back to their homeland to fight with the al-Qaida-linked terror group al-Shabab. A handful of others have traveled to Syria in the last year take up

arms with militants, and outreach efforts ramped up.

In Colorado, three girls from east African immigrant families, ages 15 to 17, were radicalized online, swapping messages with top Islamic State recruiters on Twitter and other social media sites.

Qusair Mohamedbhai, general counsel for the Colorado Muslim Society, who helped organize the meeting, said it was important to ensure people know what resources they have, and education efforts would continue. FBI officials planned to meet with school leaders and others as part of the plan.

The meeting was similar to

those held several years ago in Denver after concerns arose that young men were returning to Somalia to join al-Shabab. Worried parents contacted officials with similar fears after the girls’ trip, U.S. Attorney John Walsh said. That spawned the latest series of meetings, which he said were designed to help families protect themselves.

“The adults that are here must take this message back to the youth,” said Abdur-Rahim Ali, imam of the Northeast Denver Islamic Center. “We have to be vigilant and consistent in educating the youth. It takes community effort.”

Men convicted in ricin plot sentenced to prison

By KATE BRUMBACK
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — A judge on Friday said the fact that two north Georgia men likely could never have carried out a plot to target the federal government does not make their words and actions any less serious and sentenced each of them to serve 10 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Richard Story disputed defense lawyers’ arguments that Samuel Crump, 71, and Ray Adams, 58, were just grumpy old men talking big with no intention to hurt anyone. There is a difference, Story said, between ranting and backing up words with actions.

“The crime charged here is pretty darned serious,” he asked. “We’re talking about acts that would take the lives of people.”

Both men were found guilty in January on a single count each of conspiring to make ricin be used as a weapon. They also were found guilty of one count each of possessing a biological toxin for use as a weapon, identified in the indictment as ricin in its natural state, meaning it hadn’t been extracted from castor beans in which it occurs naturally.

Adams and Crump were among four men arrested in November 2011 after recordings were made by an undercover informant who attended their meetings at homes, during car rides and at a Waffle House restaurant.

The other two men, Dan Roberts and Frederick Thomas, who were militia members, pleaded guilty in April 2012 to conspiring to get an unregistered explosive and an illegal gun silencer.

Lawyers for Crump and Adams, who associated with the militia but hadn’t formally joined the group, maintained that their clients were just talking and never intended to hurt anyone. They also asked Story to consider the fact that Roberts and Thomas, who had gone so far as to obtain weapons, got only five years in prison after they reached plea deals with the government.

Walking with the help of a cane, Adams was apologetic as he asked the judge for leniency, detailing a string of health problems that have plagued him since he was put in jail.

“I said some things in that first meeting that sounded awful, and I regret that,” he said, referring to recordings played during the trial in which Adams can be heard suggesting that they attack government buildings with toxins and kill government employees.

Adams said he felt pressure to participate in the conversation but never would have hurt anyone.

Crump, on the other hand, apologized for his words but was otherwise defiant as he addressed Story, saying recordings of him speaking were illegal and not accurate.

“I’m not a criminal, never have been, never wanted to be. I’m not a terrorist, never have been, never would be,” Crump said as he addressed Story at length, pausing frequently to catch his breath.

He also accused the government of trying to frame him and said he was dissatisfied with his lawyer and wanted a new trial.

In reaching his decision, Story said the crimes charged are very serious, even if it’s very unlikely Adams and Crump could have made ricin. He also said he doesn’t believe either of them is a danger to the public going forward, but not because they’re too old or feeble.

“You guys are not too old to hurt people and do things that can hurt people,” he said. “You’re old enough to know better.”



ASTRID RECKEN/For The Washington Post

A gesture of unity

Prayer rugs are rolled out for the first Muslim prayer service at Washington National Cathedral, held Friday. Several hundred Muslim worshippers and guests gathered at the iconic Christian sanctuary and to hear leaders of both faiths call for religious unity.

Nanny accused in kids’ deaths says ‘sorry’

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A nanny accused of killing two children in the bathtub of their home said she was sorry for what she had done, according to court papers filed Friday.

Yoselyn Ortega has pleaded not guilty to killing Lucia Krim, 6, and Leo Krim, 2, on Oct. 25, 2012, in a bathroom while their mother was out picking up her third child from a swimming lesson.

Ortega, 52, cut her throat in a failed suicide attempt. The court papers say she told authorities the little girl tried to fight back before she stabbed her and then killed the boy. She used at least two knives.

“Oh, my God, I’m sorry. I’m sorry for what I’ve done,” she

said, according to the court papers. “Relieve me of my misery.”

The documents were included as exhibits in lengthy motions

filed by defense attorney Valerie Van Leer-Greenberg. She asked that the prosecutor be dropped from the case and that the judge bar news media from an upcoming court hearing.

Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Gregory Carro denied both requests.

Van Leer-Greenberg has said

Ortega cannot understand the case because of her injuries and because she suffers from delusions. But a judge found her fit for trial.

Ortega’s statements had not previously been made public. They included details from interviews with authorities after she regained consciousness. She told authorities that she hurt the children because she was having money problems and was angry at the parents. She said her schedule constantly shifted, she had to act as a cleaning lady though she didn’t want to and she missed an appointment with “the psych,” according to the papers.

“I had to do everything and take care of the kids,” she said. “God forgive me, so many things they made me do. Pray for me.”



Ortega

WORLD

No signals heard from comet lander

By KRISTEN GRIESHABER
The Associated Press

BERLIN — The European Space Agency received no signals from the Philae lander Saturday morning during a scheduled effort to establish communication, the mission chief said.

Paolo Ferri, ESA's head of mission operations, told The Associated Press that the Rosetta orbiter did not get any signals from the lander on comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

ESA on Friday ordered a rotating operation to pull the lander out of a shadow so that solar panels could recharge the depleted batteries.

Even if that operation was successful, it may take days or weeks until the batteries of Philae are strong enough to send signals again.

"We don't know if the charge will ever be high enough to operate the lander again," Ferri told The AP ahead of the 5 a.m. listening time.

"It is highly unlikely that we will establish any kind of communication any time soon, but nevertheless the orbiter will continue to listen for possible signals."

On Wednesday, Philae landed next to a cliff that largely blocked sunlight from reaching its solar panels.

The historic landing climaxed a 10-year journey aboard the Rosetta space probe. Since alighting on the comet, some 311 million miles from Earth, the lander has performed a series of tests and sent back reams of data, including photos.

On Friday, the spacecraft was given commands to rotate itself to catch more sunlight and to drill a hole into the comet. ESA announced — prematurely, it turned out — that the hole had been drilled 10 inches into the comet's surface.

"We know that all the movements of the operation were performed and all the data was sent down," Ferri said Saturday. "However, at this point we do not even know if it really succeeded and if (the drill) even touched the ground during the drilling operation."

Material beneath the surface of the comet has remained almost unchanged for 4.5 billion years, so the samples would be a cosmic time capsule that scientists are eager to study.

Scientists hope the \$1.6 billion project will help answer questions about the origins of the universe and life on Earth.

Scientists say they already have gathered huge amounts of data and are calling the first-ever comet landing a roaring success.

"Let's stop looking at things that we could have done if everything had worked properly," flight director Andrea Accomazzo said Friday. "Let us look at things that we have done, what we have achieved and what we have on the ground. This is routine and will be unique forever."



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President Barack Obama, flanked by Chinese President Xi Jinping, left, and Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, gives a thumbs-up after taking a group photo with other world leaders at the G-20 summit in Brisbane, Australia, on Saturday.

Growth tops agenda at G-20 summit in Australia

By KRISTEN GELINEAU
The Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — Australia's prime minister vowed that world leaders would deliver on an initiative to add \$2 trillion to global gross domestic product, promising freer trade and more investment in infrastructure as heads of the 20 largest economies began cementing plans to drag sagging growth out of the doldrums.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who has repeatedly promised this year's Group of 20 gathering in the Australian city of Brisbane would be more than a talkfest, said the growth plans would add millions of jobs and boost global GDP by "more than 2 percent" above expected levels over the next five years.

"That is millions of jobs and trillions of dollars in extra production," Abbott said as he officially opened the two-day G-20 conference. "Yes, we want freer trade and we will deliver it. Yes, we need more infrastructure and we will build it."

"This is our message to the world: that governments can deliver, that governments can agree that the world can be better, that there can be higher jobs, higher growth and more jobs," he added.

G-20 nations, which represent 85 percent of the global economy, are under pressure to take definitive action at this year's summit, rather than simply producing a set of vague, unmeasurable goals. The International Monetary Fund has warned about a "new mediocrity" for the world economy, putting renewed focus on the G-20's growth initiative.

Each country is expected to present a comprehensive plan at the summit on how they will achieve their contribution toward the \$2 trillion goal, but whether the communiqué that will be issued at the conclusion of the gathering on Sunday will reveal

any of those details is unclear. World GDP this year is about \$77 trillion.

Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey said the group's growth strategies include 1,000 measures that will lift infrastructure investment, increase trade and competition, cut red tape and increase employment.

"While we still face economic challenges in many parts of the world, I'm optimistic our 2 percent commitment will deliver the growth the world needs," Hockey said.

But rights groups such as The Civil Society 20 group, or C20, want assurances that the poor will benefit the most from the plans, estimating that the additional growth could lift 1 billion people out of poverty if it was poured into the poorest 20 percent of G-20 households.

Dignitaries were greeted by a traditional Aboriginal welcome ceremony, featuring singing, dancing and the solemn hum of a didgeridoo, before entering their first official closed-door meeting.

The leaders later issued a statement on the Ebola crisis in West Africa, urging countries that haven't donated to efforts to combat the disease to do so now, and to send medical teams. The group also said researchers, regulators and drug companies needed to work harder to develop vaccines and treatments.

Outside the convention center where the summit is taking place, thousands of protesters braved a scorching heat wave and a labyrinth of roadblocks to stage rallies demanding everything from action on climate change to banning Russian President Vladimir Putin from the gathering.

The protests have been largely peaceful, with only a handful of arrests. Knives and gas masks are on a lengthy list of banned items in the city this weekend; prohibited items also include eggs, guns, kites and reptiles.

sterilization procedures.

The doctor who performed the surgeries remains in custody. R.K. Gupta has been accused of performing too many procedures in one day.

Gupta has denied responsibility for the deaths and blamed the medication. However, he said he used to perform up to 10 times more surgeries a day than allowed under government protocols.

From The Associated Press

Nigerian militants seize girls' hometown

By HARUNA UMAR
The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Islamic extremists in Nigeria have seized Chibok, forcing thousands of people to flee the town where insurgents kidnapped nearly 300 schoolgirls in April, a local official said Friday.

The Boko Haram insurgents entered the town Thursday, shooting from pickup trucks and motorcycles, Bana Lawan, chairman of the Chibok local government, told The Associated Press.

"Nobody can tell you what is happening there today because everybody is just trying to escape with their lives," he said.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. is closely monitoring the situation in Chibok.

"We condemn these attacks in Chibok, a community that has already suffered too much ... We remain committed to helping the government of Nigeria address the threat posed by extremist organizations, Psaki told reporters.

In a separate development, a bomb exploded Friday night in northern Kano city, the second largest population center in Nigeria, killing six people including three police officers, according to police. Resident Aliyu Yusuf Hoto said many buildings shook from the force of the explosion from a car bomb in a gas station on a main road leading to Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state. Soldiers, police and emergency rescue officers and workers cordoned off the area.

Bana Lawan
Chibok official

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bomb, but Boko Haram extremists have detonated one in Kano in the past. Meanwhile, attempts to call the cellphones of some of the kidnapped girls' parents living in Chibok failed. Boko Haram extremists often destroy cellphone towers, and the military often cuts communications to areas under attack.

Dozens of the kidnapped girls escaped in the first couple of days after their capture from a boarding school just outside the town, but 219 are still missing.

Chibok is an enclave of mainly Christian families, some involved in translating the Bible into local languages, the mainly Muslim north of Nigeria.

Officials: Drugs caused Indian women's deaths

NEW DELHI — Tainted drugs apparently killed 13 women who underwent sterilization procedures in central India after autopsies ruled out any surgery faults, officials said Saturday.

Amar Agarwal, Chhattisgarh state's health minister, said a preliminary finding suggested that a poisonous chemical compound,

zinc phosphate, got mixed with the drugs at the manufacturing firm whose owner has been arrested.

Dozens of women who underwent surgeries in the government-run sterilization campaign became ill, and at least 13 died this past week. The others are still being treated.

S.K. Mandal, the state's chief medical officer, said Saturday that post-mortem reports did not suggest any surgery faults in

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Islamic State group militants wave al-Qaida flags from a commandeered Iraqi military vehicle in Fallujah, Iraq, on March 30.

What will change if the Islamic State and al-Qaida reach a truce on Syria?

By JOSHUA KEATING
Slate

Syrian opposition officials say the Islamic State has reached a truce with its erstwhile partners in al-Qaida. The accord apparently took place at a meeting in northern Syria last week that involved members of the Islamic State, al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra, and members of the Khorasan Group, a group of al-Qaida veterans from Pakistan and Afghanistan who have embedded with Nusra.

According to The Associated Press, these opposition officials say the jihadi groups "agreed to work to destroy the Syrian Revolutionaries Front, a prominent rebel faction armed and trained by the United States and led by a fighter named Jamal Maarouf."

Some details of the meeting had been reported earlier in the week by the Daily Beast's Jamie Dettmer, who wrote that moderate Syrian rebel groups "accuse the Obama administration of fostering jihadi rapprochement" through the airstrikes it launched against Nusra in the early days of the intervention. Those strikes were billed as a bid to take out the members of Khorasan, a group that few fighters on the ground in Syria seemed to have heard of until recently.

U.S. officials haven't confirmed the report of a merger and tell the AP they've seen no shifts in the two groups' strategies.

If it's real, the merger will shift the dynamics of the very complex battlefield in Syria. Until now, the Islamic State didn't really have any friends in the region, even among groups that largely share its ideology. Between this and Egyptian militant group Ansar Beit al-Maqdis' pledge of

support last week, it's possible that the Islamic State is starting to get more respect from fellow jihadi groups. It would also be quite a reversal for al-Qaida leaders, who disavowed their renegade Iraqi faction months ago.

The AP's Deb Riechmann writes that the accord would "present new difficulties for Washington's strategy," which is true, though in some ways it would make things simpler. The line between the U.S.-backed "moderate" rebels and the anti-Islamic State jihadi groups was always more fluid than anyone wanted to admit.

In his recent account of his months of captivity in Syria, journalist Theo Padnos recalls a conversation he had after running into a group of Free Syrian Army troops who he was still a captive of al-Nusra.

"One told me that his unit had recently traveled to Jordan to receive training from American forces in fighting groups like the Nusra Front."

"Really?" I said. "The Americans? I hope it was good training."

"Certainly, very," he replied.

This merger ... could be an indication that the overlapping and intersecting battle lines in Syria are starting to clarify themselves. At the moment, the U.S., the Kurds, Iraqi Shiites and ... the Syrian government are on one side, and the Islamic State and al-Qaida are on the other.

The fighters stared at me. I stared at them.

After a few moments, I asked, "About this business of fighting Jebhat al-Nusra?"

"Oh, that," one said. "We lied to the Americans about that."

The White House never bought the "enemy of my enemy" logic when it came to ISIS and Nusra — it's been bombing both of them, after all. This merger, along with growing signs that Washington is resigning itself to Bashar Assad's long-term presence, could be an indication that the overlapping and intersecting battle lines in Syria are starting to clarify themselves. At the moment, the U.S., the Kurds, Iraqi Shiites and ... whether the Obama administration will admit it or not — the Syrian government are on one side, and the Islamic State and al-Qaida are on the other.

The big loser in all of this is likely to be the U.S.-backed rebels. In addition to the Islamic State and Nusra finding common cause, there are reports this week that the White House is considering revamping a Syria strategy many senior officials have come to see as unworkable. That strategy, which involved focusing primarily on rolling back the Islamic State in Iraq and didn't involve strikes against Assad, never sat well with the rebels. A new one, which could involve a new diplomatic push for a cease-fire deal whose terms would likely be very disadvantageous to the Syrian opposition, would be even worse.

At the moment, as they wait to see how things play out, America's friends in Syria are finding themselves stuck in a very uncomfortable middle.

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OPINION

Congress dodges war debate, dishonors vets

By ROBERT MCCARTNEY
The Washington Post

If Congress got what it deserved, the Capitol dome would never have been permitted to be the backdrop for Tuesday's Concert for Valor, which marked Veterans Day.

Why? The 535 lawmakers who work there have cravenly dodged their constitutional responsibility to make the tough decision about whether President Barack Obama is right to lead the country into war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

What a contrast with the courage of the men and women in uniform, justly celebrated on the Mall. They were willing to face death for their country. Capitol politicians won't risk political inconvenience.

Senators as politically different as Tim Kaine, D-Va., and Rand Paul, R-Ky., agree that Obama is launching airstrikes and other offensive military operations in the Middle East without proper legal authority. Many constitutional scholars share that view.

But Congress didn't want to vote on the matter before the midterm elections, so it took a pass.

Kaine calls Congress' position "the height of public immorality." His vocal disagreement with Obama and other Democrats on the issue has been especially noteworthy, given his usual support of the president.

"What could you do that would be more publicly immoral than ordering people to risk their lives without having a discussion about whether the mission is worth it or not?" Kaine said Wednesday at a forum at the Wilson Center.

Many in the crowd on the Mall had a similar view. They voiced gratitude for the veterans but contempt for the politicians who had sent them to fight.

"It's definitely cowardly — them not bringing it to a vote before the elections," said Frank, 29, a veteran who served in Afghanistan and now lives in Maryland. He declined to give his surname because he's still in the Army Reserve.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Singer/guitarist James Hetfield and drummer Lars Ulrich perform with their band, Metallica, on the National Mall on Tuesday during the Concert for Valor.

"The American people have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent," he said.

Obama is to blame, too, of course. Although he said from the start that he'd welcome congressional support, he hasn't bothered to send Congress a draft bill that would authorize his military actions.

"To keep everything fair and equal,

[Obama] should get congressional approval," said Jo Miller, 24, of Seaford, Del. That's necessary, she said, because "we're not directly threatened" in Iraq.

The Wilson Center forum offered some eye-opening details of how Congress' AWOL status has permitted the White House and Pentagon to wage war in numerous countries with little or no over-

sight. The event was designed to pressure Congress to take up its responsibilities as it returned from its lame-duck session.

Harvard Law professor Jack Goldsmith, a former special counsel to the Defense Department, said that when he testified before Congress last year, he was stunned by key senators' lack of knowledge about U.S. military operations, such as drone strikes in Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan.

"It was remarkable how little the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee knew about where we were fighting and against whom," Goldsmith said. "They don't even know where it's going on."

Nobody doubts that Congress would approve military strikes against the Islamic State, if it ever got around to discussing the matter. Most lawmakers want to quash a potential terrorist haven in the heart of the Middle East just as much as Obama and the Pentagon do.

But an actual debate on the issue would require taking a stance on pesky details, such as: How long would the operation last? Do we rule out ground troops? How are we going to pay for it?

Congress as a whole prefers to avoid such potentially hazardous questions. It's easier to let Obama take the heat.

Kaine, to his credit, is an exception. Driven in part by concern for Virginia's large military population and respect for the state's leading role in crafting the Constitution, Kaine has become one of Congress' most prominent advocates for reforming the rules on waging war.

He hasn't hesitated to fault Obama, even though he was one of the president's earliest supporters in the 2008 campaign. Kaine said it was "ridiculous" for Obama to rely on congressional authorizations from 2001 and 2002 to justify war against the Islamic State today.

"I only have one obsession, and this is it," Kaine said.

It's a good way to honor veterans, both past and future.

Robert McCartney is a Washington Post columnist.

Assisted suicide not an option, woman died 'by degrees'

By REKHA BASU
The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

Amy Van Meter's death four years ago brought passionate testimonials about the 43-year-old mediator, social activist and writer and her handling of an agonizing battle with multiple sclerosis. "We have learned the meaning of fortitude in unrelenting pain, courage in uncommon trials, generosity of spirit, and faithfulness to a fully present life," her obituary in The Des Moines Register said.

What it did not say was that Van Meter, who was raised in Iowa City and lived in Santa Barbara, Calif., had intentionally ended her life the only way that is legal in most American states: She starved herself to death.

Diagnosed at 25, Amy was in what her mother describes as "chronic, unrelenting, neuropathic pain" caused by a particularly severe case of MS. So for all of the mother's grief at losing her daughter, Lea Halterman of Des Moines supported Amy's choice.

But she is indignant that it had to be achieved in such awful, drawn-out way. She said opiates were not an option because Amy had been on them for so long,

she couldn't predict the outcome. "She said, that April, 'Mom, I can't do this any more,'" Halterman wrote me in a letter.

Amy starved herself to death that next October. Halterman described the pain of watching someone you love "die by degrees," and the helplessness of being unable to "alter the inevitable."

So Halterman has taken her daughter's quest forward. She wants Iowa to pass a law, as Oregon, Washington state and Vermont have done, that would allow someone who is terminally ill, mentally competent and of legal age to choose death with a doctor's help. "I promised my baby girl that I would work in Iowa, her home state, to bring death with dignity here," she said.

Physician-assisted suicide has received renewed attention since 29-year-old Brittany Maynard, who suffered from painful brain cancer, ended her life this month after publicly announcing her decision. The difference was that Maynard could do it with medicine prescribed by her doctor. She and her husband had deliberately moved to Oregon, where doctors can legally help patients end their lives as long as two doctors confirm a patient is terminally ill and has six months or fewer left. Courts in Montana and New Mexico have ruled there is a constitutional right to aid

in dying in those states.

Working with the Iowa chapter of Compassion & Choices, Halterman met with nine state legislators last session. Some said they were too busy to read her materials, and others said they haven't given death — including their own — any thought. "When people haven't thought about their own deaths, they're a long way from this bill," Halterman sighed. In May, she presided over a meeting where a Vermont state representative talked about that state's experience getting the nation's first Death with Dignity law passed last year. Proponent Linda Waite-Simpson said it took a lot of political negotiating and was propelled by vocal public support.

Though Vermont's governor had made a campaign promise to get the law passed, the Senate was divided and the Senate leader didn't support it. But he didn't stand in the way.

The bill was opposed by the Catholic Church. The Vatican opposes suicide and recently condemned Maynard's. But Waite-Simpson said groups from other congregations supported it, and Vermont's strong libertarian streak helped.

At the Des Moines gathering, she advised proponents to ensure a bill has the votes to pass both chambers before being

introduced.

"You have to dig deep inside yourself and be courageous," she said. Ironically, Waite-Simpson's courage advocating for background checks for gun buyers is blamed for the loss of her re-election bid last week.

Compassion & Choices has identified Iowa as a "near next step" for an aid-in-dying bill. Several prominent Iowans have already paved the way. In 2002, at age 94, Des Moines philanthropist and social activist Louise Nun publicized her struggle to obtain the means to end her life, which she eventually did. That same month, 80-year-old Ruth Nash of Dubuque, also an Iowa Women's Hall of Fame member, drowned herself after two previous attempts ended in unwanted rescues and even one confinement in a mental-health facility. Both women were facing declining health.

This is about the right to make choices for one's self, in consultation with a doctor, under narrow and difficult circumstances. Lawmakers in most states may not be eager to tackle the issue, but we've heard enough compelling stories from suffering people that it's time for a public conversation about end-of-life options.

Rekha Basu is a Des Moines Register columnist.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP



KYLE GREEN, THE (BOISE) IDAHO STATESMAN/AP

Freeze fishing

A duck flies behind a man fishing in the Boise River during an early season snowfall Thursday in Boise, Idaho.

CEO's ex-wife to appeal \$1B divorce settlement

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — The ex-wife of multibillionaire energy tycoon Harold Hamm plans to appeal a court ruling that awarded her nearly \$1 billion in a divorce settlement, according to her attorney.

An Oklahoma County judge awarded \$995.4 million last week to Sue Ann Hamm, who was married for more than 20 years to Continental Resources Inc. CEO Harold Hamm before she filed for divorce in 2012.

Her attorney, Ron Barber, told The Oklahoman newspaper that they plan to appeal, saying the amount is less than 6 percent of the couple's estimated \$18 billion wealth.

Harold Hamm has been directed to pay \$322 million to his ex-wife by the end of the year, then minimum payments of \$7 million each month starting in January.

WWII veteran, 98, dons uniform for final salute

NY GLENVILLE — On Veterans Day, Justus Belfield donned his Army uniform one more time, even though he was too weak to leave his bed at an upstate New York nursing home.



Belfield

The World War II veteran, 98, died the next day. The Daily Gazette, of Schenectady, reported that Belfield had worn his uniform every Veterans Day since he and his wife moved into a nursing home outside Albany several years ago.

On Tuesday, the former master sergeant wasn't able to get out of bed to participate in the facility's Veterans Day festivities, so he had the staff dress him in his

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uniform.

A photograph accompanying the newspaper's story shows Belfield saluting while lying in bed. The nursing home staff said he died Wednesday morning.

Belfield spent 16 years in the Army.

Prosecutors say truck driver kept 6 sex slaves

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Federal prosecutors said a Utah truck driver had four other victims in addition to the two women he is accused of keeping as sex slaves in his semitrailer as he drove across the country.

Some of the new accusations against defendant Timothy Jay Vafeades, 54, date back 20 years.

In two of the new incidents detailed in court documents filed Monday, the federal prosecutors say Vafeades lured the women to his truck, then forcibly altered their appearances and ground down their teeth while holding them prisoner for months.

In the other two new cases, Vafeades assaulted women he met at a college and online, authorities said.

Vafeades has pleaded not guilty to multiple counts of kidnapping, transporting for illegal sexual activity and possession of child pornography. His attorney, Vanessa Ramos, declined to comment Thursday.

Rescued dogs to get a new leash on life

FL PORT LAUDERDALE — A passel of Pomeranians, poodles, Maltese, Yorkies and Boston terriers who might

not have ever felt the warmth of the sun are on their way to becoming pampered pooches.

These pups were found in what authorities described as an apparent for-profit puppy mill operation in Humboldt, Tenn.

When Suzi Goldsmith, founder and director of Tri-County Animal Rescue near Boca Raton, Fla., found out about it, she dispatched a bus Wednesday to retrieve some of the 95 seized animals.

Tim Woodward, director of operations for the Animal Rescue Corps., based in Washington, D.C., said the dogs were found in "deplorable" conditions.

"There were dogs with severely matted fur, and dogs kept in cages so small they couldn't stand up all the way," he said.

Searchers seek plumber missing more than week

HI HILO — Volunteers are searching for a missing Big Island plumber.

Hawaii County police said Keauau father Jeffrey Meek, 44, was last seen Nov. 6 on a 20-acre piece of property his family owns in Pepeekeo.

Hawaii News Now reported that search teams and a private investigator found his boots at the lot on Tuesday. Friend Jimmy Hughes-Smith said the boots weren't there on Saturday.

Searchers told the television station that Meek is a married father who is expecting a second child. Family members said he went to the property to clear the land in preparation for building a house and starting a farm.

Lt. James Gusman told Hawaii Tribune-Herald that Meek's truck was found on the property.

Police are no longer actively searching for Meek. Gusman told the newspaper nothing currently indicates foul play.

Police: \$600 chainsaw stolen in thief's pants

FL PORT ST. LUCIE — Police said a man stole a chainsaw by sticking it down his pants.

Surveillance video from Treasure Coast Lawn Equipment in Florida shows the man putting the tool worth more than \$600 down his pants on Oct. 28.

Police told Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers that Anthony Ballard had come in asking for \$1 worth of change.

Police said employees chased Ballard, who ditched the tool in a wooded lot. The employees called police when they saw Ballard return to look for it.

Ballard told police he stole the tool but had a change of heart and wanted to return it.

He was held Thursday on grand theft and burglary charges. Bond was set at \$28,750.

Pedestrian hit by driver, gets stuck in windshield

NJ OCEAN TOWNSHIP — Prosecutors said a man accused of driving under the influence struck and seriously injured a pedestrian and then kept going, even though the victim was lodged in the vehicle's windshield.

Bail was set at \$150,000 cash for Marcos Ortega, 33, a Little Egg Harbor resident. He is charged with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash and causing serious bodily injury to another while

driving under the influence.

Ocean County prosecutors said the accident occurred Monday night on Route 9 in Ocean Township.

The pedestrian, Kenneth Moeller, 61, of Lanoka Harbor, remained hospitalized Wednesday in critical condition. Further details on his injuries have not been disclosed.

Prosecutors said that around 6:40 p.m. Monday, an Ocean Township police officer responding to reports of an erratic driver on Route 9 northbound saw what appeared to be a person lying on the hood of a vehicle that was traveling on a nearby roadway. The officer stopped the vehicle and, as he approached it, saw the victim lodged halfway through the windshield.

Lookalike in trooper sniper killing gets car

PA EAST STROUDSBURG — A northeastern Pennsylvania man who was repeatedly mistaken as the suspect in the killing of a state trooper now has his own car as a result of the ordeal.

James Tully was questioned by police more than a dozen times during the search for Eric Frein, who was arrested Oct. 30 after a 48-day manhunt.

Because he didn't have a car, Tully had been forced to walk back and forth from work each day along rural roads.

His plight brought him wide sympathy and led to a crowdfunding campaign to get him a car.

About \$24,000 was raised, and on Wednesday, he used less than half the money to buy a 2007 Subaru Outback.

From wire reports



LIFESTYLE

Not just for kids

Interest in kickball growing among adults



Justin Wadsworth of the Raleighwood Ballers pitches during a Stonewall Kickball game in Raleigh, N.C., on Oct. 12. Stonewall Kickball is an all-inclusive league, which tries to create a non-intimidating environment that is fun for all participants. The league, in its second year, now boasts about 495 members.

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BY CORBIE HILL
The News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C.

They told me I would be sore the next day, but I didn't completely believe them. It's just kickball, right? I played kickball during P.E. in middle school and did fine. Plus, I'm a pretty active person. So when the ball rolled my way, I kicked it — hard — and sprinted the bases.

And then I was sore for a few days.

"People are not afraid to eat dirt or slide into anything they can," Ralph Johnson says. "We had somebody break a collarbone last season; we've had broken limbs. And they still come back for more."

We're at Halifax Mall in downtown Raleigh, and Johnson's kickball team,

Sir Walter, is having its regular Tuesday night practice. Johnson, team co-captain, is also on the board for the Stonewall Kickball game. A branch of national LGBT nonprofit Stonewall Sports, the Raleigh league has grown from 150 players its first season, in 2013, to about 500 today. There are currently 24 teams in the league, made up of all-male teams, all-female teams, co-ed teams and both gay and non-gay players. Play is open to anyone who enjoys the sport. It is one of many teams in the Raleigh-Durham area.

Many of the team members have not played kickball since grade school. Yet, like kids on a playground, they're back at it to have fun, to get exercise and make friends.

"The friendships and the bonding experiences you're having as an adult playing kickball, I haven't had these since I was a kid playing outside on jungle gyms," Johnson says. "That's what this is all about."

Sir Walter co-creator Robby Lawson agrees. He's accustomed to recognizing people on the street, just from living in Raleigh the past 11 years. Now, though, he has something to talk about.

"Last Tuesday we scrimmaged another team," Lawson says. "We brought out cookies and Jell-O shots and balloons, and we went out to dinner afterwards." It's not unusual, either, for Stonewall teams to play each other, then go out together to establishments that sponsor the league.

"Besides just the physical benefits, you also have the mental health benefits," says Julia Buchanan, N.C. State University coordinator of fitness and wellness outreach. The social aspect reduces stress and improves moods, she says. Physically, one practice and one game a week — the usual for league players — is about halfway to the 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity the American College of Sports Medicine recommends, she says.

Moderate physical activity includes walking, housework or gardening — it doesn't have to involve a gym membership, Buchanan says. "We promote anything that is going to be enjoyable."

The players on Sir Walter, accordingly, come from a variety of backgrounds in regard to sports.

Johnson was intimidated by group sports as a kid, so he didn't participate, Lawson, however, has been a longtime tennis player.

The welcoming atmosphere, Johnson says, has drawn in a variety of people. "We have teams with husband-and-wife duos, girls who don't want to be hit on by guys, guys who just want to have fun," he says.

And then Johnson excuses himself to take a kick. Sometimes he makes it around all three bases, and sometimes he doesn't make it to first, but he seems just as happy either way. After all, there's no pressure to perform and there's no pressure to score.

"I'm not afraid to mess up. If I goof up, it's a laugh," Johnson explains. "It's fun, so why not? I think it's reminiscent of childhood, but in a good way."



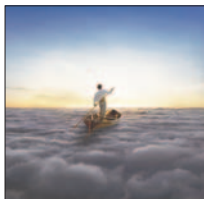
Holly Owens of team Snatching Fire crosses home plate during a Stonewall Kickball game.



From left, Rebecca Chapin, Holly Owens, Abby Malson, Alice Sarti and Rafaela Silva cheer on a Snatching Fire teammate.

MUSIC

NEW ALBUMS



Pink Floyd
The Endless River
(Columbia Records)

Never was an album more aptly named than "The Endless River," the new — and seemingly final — release from Pink Floyd. It flows unstopably, and while some listeners might feel it meanders on too long, it's very easy to get swept along by it.

Although this is the band's first studio album in two decades, much of the material was recorded in 1993 and 1994, during sessions for "The Division Bell."

For years, it seemed that album would be Pink Floyd's swan song. But now the material has been tweaked and shaped under into a new release, partly in tribute to keyboard player Rick Wright, who died in 2008.

Guitarist David Gilmour has called "The Endless River" a series of musical conversations; the band members' musical rapport was always more eloquent than their spoken communications. There are not many words on this mostly instrumental album, although physicist Stephen Hawking lends his distinctive voice to "Talkin' Hawkin'."

Both the compositions and their titles allude to all the water that has passed under the bridge in the course of Pink Floyd's long career. The opening track, "Things Left Unsaid," sets the tone: It's a woozy wash of Wright's keyboards, haunting horn sounds and Gilmour's guitar that feels elegiac.

On it rolls from there, sometimes a tranquil wash, sometimes churned into rapids by Gilmour's piercing guitar and Nick Mason's thundering drums, for 18 tracks — four sides of vinyl if you opt for the old-fashioned format.

What's on display is not so much songwriting as chemistry. This band had something, a magic, and you can hear it throughout "The Endless River."

The band members know it, too. The closing track is "Louder Than Words," and finally there are lyrics: "We bitch and we fight, diss each other on sight," it begins, a fond but weary tribute to creative spark and strife.

"The sum of our parts, the beat of our hearts, is louder than words."

— Jill Lawless
The Associated Press

Life is a



Foo Fighters
Sonic Highways (Roswell/RCA)

HIGHWAY

Foo Fighters go on cross-country road trip to record 'love letter to American music'

BY GLENN GAMBOA
Newsday

Foo Fighters' "Sonic Highways" project is much more than an album. It's like a doctoral thesis that rocks.

The companion series on HBO, which was directed by singer-drummer-guitarist Dave Grohl, traces the process of recording the album in music hot spots around the country. Each of the album's eight songs was recorded in a different city, with local artists involved and, theoretically, the local flavor seeping into the music.

That leads to the bits of Chicago blues and power pop that color the epic single "Something From Nothing," which even features a solo from Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen. It brings some country inflection into "Congregation," which was recorded in Nashville with help from the Zac Brown Band. And there's a whole lot of hard-core rage in

"The Feast and the Famine," recorded in Washington, D.C.

Grohl calls the album a "love letter to American music," and that love shows, much as it did in his directorial debut, "Sound City," the documentary of the Southern California recording studio of the same name. Like that project, "Sonic Highways" is wildly ambitious — an impressively difficult musical trick, as well as a way to keep things fresh for the band's eighth album and their 20th anniversary.

Their bedrock sound hasn't changed much over the years — based on potent drumming, grand guitar solos and Grohl's distinctive vocals. But on "Sonic Highways," they layer other influences onto that base more blatantly than in the past.

The problem with "Sonic Highways," though, is you can almost hear the pressure of making it. There's a lot of joy in the music, but there seems to be a lot of worry in the

lyrics. After all, Grohl had to write the lyrics to these songs at the last minute in the city where they were recording.

"There you go again putting words into my mouth," Grohl sings in the Southern-rock stomp "What Did I Do?/God as My Witness." "This one's for you to know and for me to find out." Not a bad line, but not as graceful as what has come before.

It's moments like that where an important distinction is drawn about working with crazy deadlines. There's a difference between "great, considering the circumstances" and just plain "great."

Much of "Sonic Highways" is just plain great, but there are times that make you wonder what it would have sounded like if they'd had more time and weren't working with marketing deadlines and cross-promotional issues looming in the distance. That said, it is truly great, considering the circumstances.



Courtesy of Nasty Little Man

MUSIC

Brooks still his own man on 'Machine'

By MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

How long was Garth Brooks out of the spotlight? Consider this: When Luke Bryan accepted a trophy from Brooks at last week's Country Music Association Awards, the younger star revealed that he'd never met the older singer and wondered if he might have a haw. (Bryan got two.)

By far the biggest country act of the 1990s, Brooks stepped away from music in 2001, saying he wanted to concentrate on raising his three daughters. And though he wasn't entirely invisible over the next decade—he played a regular gig in Las Vegas and last year released a box set with covers of some of his favorite songs—his disappearance enabled a new generation of Nashville A-listers to come up without knowing him personally.

They know his work, of course. In Brooks' absence, country bent undeniably toward his example, mainstreaming the elements that once made him a maverick: the loud guitars, the booming drums, the arena-rock histrionics. The genre has evolved further to incorporate

hip-hop and dance music, neither of which Brooks appears much interested in. But nobody did more to seed that growth.

So now that he's returned with his first set of original songs since 2001—part of a larger-scale comeback that began in September with the launch of a world tour—you might expect Brooks, 52, to fit in at last. In fact, he's as weird as ever on "Man Against Machine," which opens with a title track that makes it clear he still views himself as an outsider and a pugnacious one at that.

"John Henry's 'bout to show on the scene," he bellows amid the clank of sledgehammers on steel, "in this war of man against the machines."

His primary weapon—and the quality that most sets him apart from the country stars who've surfaced in his wake—is his earnestness. The singer's aggressive sincerity remains intact.

In "Midnight Train" and the throbbing "Cold Like That," he's a man with a heart broken wide open, too devastated to stand back and assess the damage. He gets a little distance in "Tacoma," about a guy fleeing a breakup by hitting the road but keeps relieving the pain in his mind.

"Don't know where I'm going," he moans over a slow-boiling, blue-eyed-

soul groove. "I just know that I can't stay."

Despite the apparent technophobia of "Man Against Machine," it's not the pumped-up sound of modern Nashville that is the target of Brooks' war, but the sly, smart-alecky tone that now defines the genre. His foes are successors like Blake Shelton and Eric Church, even the admiring Bryan—guys who rarely put across an emotion without doubling back on it somehow.

Brooks, by comparison, never doubles back, even when he probably should, as in this album's dim-witted lead single, "People Loving People." It's a surging rocker, complete with Edge-style guitar work, about the futility of looking for resolution "at the end of a needle." How, then, to fix "whatever's making this world ill"? Why, "people loving people," described by Brooks as "the enemy of everything that's evil."

Finally, someone figured it out.

"All-American Kid" feels similarly facile in its depiction of a small-town football champ going off to war. Brooks needn't approach the topic with suspicion, the way Church might, but it deserves an examination deeper than the platitudes he provides here.

Though he's hardly a threat to Shelton's job

as a wise-cracking judge on "The Voice," Brooks isn't without a sense of humor. In "She's Tired of Boys" he sketches a relationship between a man and a younger woman with warmly funny detail (and handsome vocal help from his wife, Trisha Yearwood: "I called her 'the kid,' and I guess it made her mad/She said, 'Don't call me 'kid,' pops, and I won't call you 'Dad.'")

But Brooks has always been most convincing at his most nakedly sentimental. And in his recent experience as a full-time parent—before the youngest of his daughters left home and he refocused on his music—he's found the mother lode of sentiment.

"Little kids on the skinned-up knee/Playing soccer, riding bikes, climbing trees," he sings, practically near tears, in "Send 'Em on Down the Road," about a father struggling to say goodbye to his grown children. He rids himself of even more shame on "Mom," which he sings from alternating perspectives: first as an unborn baby nervous about exiting the womb, then as God, full of assurance about the maternal love that awaits.

It's so corny—and so against the grain—that it feels like an act of bravery. Your move, Machine.

Garth Brooks, country music's biggest star in the 1990s, released his first new album in 13 years on Tuesday.

Garth Brooks

Man Against Machine
(RCA Nashville)

BARRY BRECHSEIN, INVISION/AP

Longtime holdout embraces digital on his terms with GhostTunes

By EMILY YAHN
The Washington Post

Just like Jack Donaghy on "30 Rock," Garth Brooks can't make it 1997 again through science or magic. Too bad, because that's when CD sales were robust and Brooks reigned over the music industry as the best-selling artist in history.

As a result, Brooks—so notoriously opposed to distributing his music through iTunes and online retailers—is now simultaneously adapting to the 21st century and staying rooted in a '90s mentality. With the release of "Man Against Machine" on Tuesday, his first new album in 13 years, the country veteran also officially launched GhostTunes, an alternative music sales website that dubs itself "the spirit of music."

What makes it different? For consumers, the actual site looks very similar to iTunes (featured artists, divided by genre, top-selling singles or albums on the right-hand side), except that it's more simple to access as a Web site instead of a separate program. The key difference is more apparent to the artists: Because they have a say about how they want their music sold.

On GhostTunes, artists can set preferences requiring fans to buy complete albums—or, they can just as easily sell individual singles or physical copies of the CD, hawk merchandise, or provide links to Ticketmaster for their latest tour. Or, they can offer "bundles." Brooks, for example, famously hates the idea of albums being broken up into singles. So his new record is only available as a whole, but he's offering a bundle that includes eight old albums and live concert footage for \$29.99.

The point is that artists have the control, as opposed to a digital company that limits their sales options.

While some observers, including the Wall Street Journal, note that it's not exactly a new business model, the GhostTunes mission claims that it's the most "artist-friendly." The site pays back 80 percent of revenue back to music-makers; other digital music services pay around 70 percent. "The difference is that the copyright owner gets to make that decision" about how to sell their own music, Brooks said when making the announcement.

In an interview with Billboard, GhostTunes COO Chris Webb explained "that they are not competing with services like iTunes' Apple Store or Amazon's digital mp3 store, they're simply providing an alternative."

Another difference is that when customers buy music, it's transported to a personalized "locker," or a cloud that will make the music available anywhere they want to stream it when they log in at their GhostTunes account: via any type of iPhone or Android smartphone, desktop computer, tablet, etc.

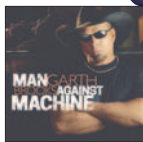
A look at GhostTunes shows that so far, many artists (from Universal Music, Sony and more) have opted to take the "singles" route that's the same on iTunes, offering songs for \$1.29 or less. However, Brooks and his wife, Trisha Yearwood, are both listed as "featured artists" and their new projects are both album-only.

There's every type of genre—country, rap, hip-hop, Latin, jazz, pop, rock and comedy. And so far, many big-name artists, though Brooks says there will be independent acts available later as well. Some prices are slightly cheaper. Taylor Swift's "1989" is \$11.99, as opposed to \$12.99 on iTunes. Sam Hunt's "Montevallo," the top-selling country album last week, is

\$6.99 instead of the iTunes price of \$9.99. Still, some are the same: T-Pain's "Happy Hour: The Greatest Hits" is \$9.99 in both digital stores.

Meanwhile, Brooks' entrance into the crowded digital music space comes at a fascinating time. Swift made many headlines last week for pulling all of her music off Spotify, a big move that some said helped her album go platinum. She called the hugely popular streaming service an experiment, and told Yahoo, "I'm not willing to contribute my life's work to an experiment that I don't feel fairly compensates the writers, producers, artists, and creators of this music."

Could GhostTunes be the middle ground, a site that tries give control back to the artists themselves while making it easy for fans? It will be fascinating to watch it play out, especially keeping that sort of '90s mentality in a very troubled 2014 music industry.



LIFESTYLE

By TIM CARMAN
The Washington Post

ANDREA SULLIVAN strode into the kitchen with an air of confidence — and a blue sticky note affixed to her clear poncho.

The rain gear was a precaution for the show-ers forecast over an October weekend on the Delmarva Peninsula, where the Sullivan family was hosting its 25th annual pasty cook-off at a private campground. The sticky note was a prognostication and a taunt to the 16 other competitors in this year's contest.

Written on the sticky was a single word: winner.

"Okay, you can stop all entries," Sullivan announced to no one in particular. "The winner is here."

The braggadocio was more WWE theatrics than true inflammatory talk, just another Sullivan ritual, part of the giant gathering around this little pocket of stuffed dough. But for Sullivan, the swagger was also subterfuge — to deflect attention from the fact she had never before made the family's time-honored pasty, a hand pie filled with beef, potatoes and onions.

Privately, to a stranger, Sullivan made her rookie confession. It was tinged with a kind of outsider's guilt: She had joined the family when she and Greg, the youngest of 10 children born to Jerry and Myrtle Sullivan, tied the knot 27 years ago. She had never been as committed to the pasty as her husband and his brood, who were raised to revere the snack. Besides, she said, "they're a pain in the a-- to make."

But make them she did this year, mostly as a gift to Greg, whose 56th birthday fell just days before the family cook-off. The pasties turned out well enough that Andrea decided to make another batch for the competition. She admitted that her ingredients deviated from the family's hallowed recipe, the one all contestants are supposed to follow or risk rejection by a trio of judges trained to spot pasty impostors.

From the playful tone around the kitchen table, where a few family members were cataloging the 17 pasties for the judges, Andrea's entry appeared headed toward Sullivan cook-off lore. In contests to come, it might be mentioned in the same breath as other experiments — or outright jokes, like the mushroom-and-cheese pasty or the frozen pasty from Giant that someone entered one year.

"I feared, 'Oh, my God, what if that wins,'" remembered Roberta Schwartz, one of 10 siblings. Then Schwartz paused for a second to consider this year's competition.

"Or what if somebody like Andrea [won] for the first time?"

Jerry Sullivan, the 86-year-old patriarch, is frequently accused of having launched the cook-off in 1990 because he wasn't getting his share of dough. The 10 children he and Myrtle had produced over a 10-year

span — including two sets of twins — had all left the nest, and Jerry had retired from the Naval Sea Systems Command in 1983 after a distinguished career. There was little motivation for Myrtle to bake pasties for just the two of them.

Jerry won't argue with the accusation. But he notes wryly that reuniting the family once a year isn't a bad motivation, either.

The pasty has been central to Jerry's life since he was a small boy in Butte, Mont., where he was born and lived briefly before his family moved to California. Tin miners from Cornwall were thought to have brought the pasty, their traditional lunch-time fare, to upper Michigan, Montana and other U.S. states when the mining business went bust in England in the latter part of the 19th century. Jerry's mother earned cash baking pasties for hungry Montana miners, who would eat the pies deep below the Earth's surface.

Back then, a thick outer crust was paramount to a proper pasty. Miners, their hands blackened with dirt, needed the pastry handle so they could eat the rest of the meat pie and discard the grimy crust. The fillings often reflected their poor, hard-scrabble lives: Root vegetables such as carrots, onions and rutabagas were mixed with occasional scraps of meat. Some argue the

pasty (pronounced PASS-tee) got its name because it was built from the leftovers of past meals.

The pasty of Jerry's youth was certainly unfussy. Its filling contained beef, potatoes, onions, butter, salt and pepper; its dough mixed together flour, water, salt and lard or suet. That was, essentially, the recipe that Jerry's mother passed on to Myrtle, who became the custodian of the Sullivan pasty. Over time, Myrtle made small tweaks, such as substituting Crisco for the animal fat and thinning out the crust.

Myrtle's recipe now stands as the ideal by which all Sullivan family pasties are judged. What's more, for many years, both Jerry and Myrtle served as two of the three judges. (Their son Patrick eventually joined them to break ties.) What it meant was that, if you wanted to win the Sullivan family cook-off, you had to prepare these delicious-but-no-frills pasties just the way Jerry and Myrtle liked them. Neither luxury ingredients nor creativity would be rewarded.

Linda Bock, one of two Sullivan girls born on the same day in 1950, took home the first grand-champion rolling pin at that debut cook-off. Bock has since won four other grand-champion pins (and numerous "super chef" rolling pins, awarded to a pair

of runners-up), including the top prize last year.

Over the 25 years that Jerry and Myrtle have hosted the cook-off, the weekend gathering has grown in both size and stature. Many drive to the site from the Washington, D.C., area, while others have made the trip from as far away as California or even Japan.

The event has become so popular that, several years ago, a number of grandchildren banded together and bought an adjacent property to provide more land for visiting Sullivans and friends to pitch their tents and park their cars. This past Columbus Day, more than 130 people jammed onto the property.

For the silver anniversary cook-off, Bock served as a judge and, according to the rules, could

not enter her pasties. Her fellow judges included her twin sister, Rita Jensen, and brother Patrick. A few years ago, Jerry and Myrtle decided to step down as judges, a concession to dietary restrictions and a proactive move to train the next generation of adjudicators. The couple also wanted to rotate a few persistent winners into a judge's chair to allow other family members a chance to claim their own rolling pins.

The judges approached the blind tasting with a deadly seriousness, evaluating each of the 17 entries for appearance, crust, seasoning and other factors. They were careful to hide their scorecards from peering eyes.

In the final evaluation, the judges picked No. 17 as their grand champion, although Patrick had reservations. He called it "unique," by which he meant that No. 17 had strayed from Myrtle's flavor profiles. The other judges disagreed.

Jerry first announced the runners-up: Ronnie Schools and Liz Smith. Schools, husband of granddaughter Erin, had never previously entered a pasty and wouldn't reveal his secrets. Smith, the daughter of Rita Jensen, broke down and cried when she won her first rolling pin ever. Smith said she followed Myrtle's filling recipe precisely. And what about the crust?

Apparently Smith leaned on Aunt Linda's secret recipe for the dough, which Bock had nicked from "Joy of Cooking." It included a small amount of white vinegar.

The grand champion's recipe wandered even further from tradition: Andrea Sullivan, the woman who had never previously made a pasty, had added olive oil, dried basil and fresh minced garlic to Myrtle's traditional filling. That was the "unique" flavor that Patrick Sullivan had detected.

Andrea was stunned. "I was very intimidated," she confessed. "I've never made a crust before." Her husband, Greg, was equally shocked. She now had won as many grand champion rolling pins as he.

"I'm 1 for 25, and she's 1 for 1," Greg said. "You're battling a thousand." Then quickly collected himself and moved back into standard Sullivan form: He issued a taunt.

"But I didn't enter this year."



Pocket full of taste

Family's pasty cook-off tradition stuffed with meat, potatoes, taunts



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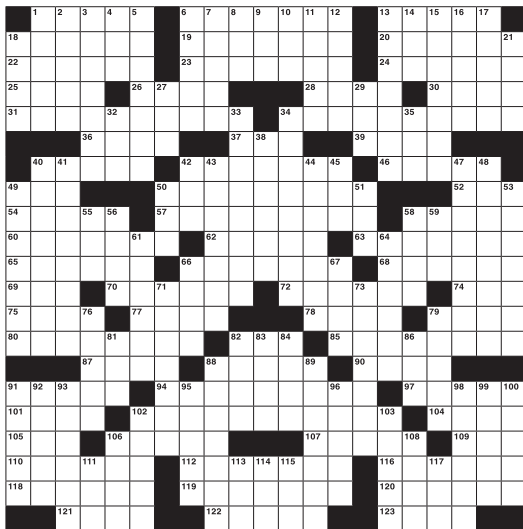
The Sullivan family hosted its 25th annual pasty cook-off at a private campground on the Delmarva Peninsula last month. A baked pastry, pasties are typically filled with beef and vegetables. Each year, the cook-off winner takes home a grand-champion rolling pin and bragging rights.

CROSSWORD AND COMICS

NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

COLORFUL CHARACTERS BY TOM MCCOY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Extremely attractive bodies
- 6 Bird found in this grid's lower-right corner
- 13 Building material in Oz
- 18 Female surfer
- 19 Words from a Latin lover
- 20 Byproduct of petroleum refining
- 22 1996 Olympic tennis gold medalist
- 23 Suffer remorse
- 24 U.S.S.R.'s Brezhnev
- 25 Sharp
- 26 Side of a diner
- 28 Background color of a \$100 bill
- 30 It might be stained
- 31 Hikers' snacks
- 34 Facetious unit defined as the amount of beauty needed to launch one ship
- 36 Young musician?
- 37 Nail holder
- 39 Libby's bagful
- 40 "That old" stuff of song
- 42 Sodium ____ (potato- chip flavoring)
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- 49 Dog's plant
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- 52 Whitney who went to Yale, appropriately
- 54 Quaking ____
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- 60 Performing, say
- 62 Plugged
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- 65 X contributor
- 66 Puts on eBay, say
- 68 "What a ____!"
- 69 "Methinks," in forums
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- 72 Hawaiian verandas
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- 105 Josh
- 106 ____ 6
- 107 Fundamental
- 109 Unit named for a telephone pioneer
- 110 Crass
- 112 Substance in some signs
- 116 Inclined (to)
- 118 Eponymous Bloomer
- 119 Tranquil
- 120 Print up
- 121 Owner of Columbia Pictures
- 122 Baby bird?
- 123 Super-rare occurrence
- DOWN**
- 1 Helga's "horrible" husband
- 2 Butler's maiden name
- 3 Banning from future work
- 4 Nitrogen symbols
- 5 Earth-shattering, maybe
- 6 Quaint way of sending documents
- 7 Lerner's partner on Broadway
- 8 Beehive Stater
- 9 Long, narrow fish
- 10 Insult
- 11 Centuries-old instrument
- 12 Peak performance?
- 13 Lily-livered sorts
- 14 Course: Abbr.
- 15 "Fingers crossed!"
- 16 Illusory sight on Mars
- 17 Robotic dog on "Doctor Who"
- 18 Bit of power
- 21 Paradise lost in "Paradise Lost"
- 27 Rapper ____ Wayne
- 29 View from Neuschatel
- 32 What you might bow your head to receive
- 33 Like some wingless
- 34 Have good intentions
- 35 Sunburn preventer, maybe
- 38 Lile
- 40 "Kuala bear," e.g.
- 41 Modern purveyor of Scrabble and Monopoly
- 42 "____ we done here?"
- 43 Who said, "I can't prove it, but I can say it"
- 44 Trial site
- 45 Pittsburgh-to-Wilkes-Barre dir.
- 47 Honeymoon attire
- 48 110, to Bilbo Baggins
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- 51 Bill
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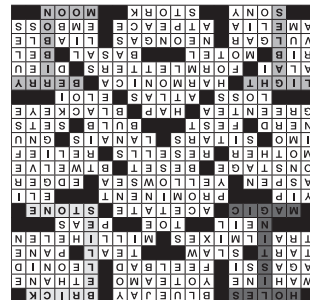
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- 79 Went down a slippery slope
- 81 "____ just kidding!"
- 82 Web file format, for short
- 83 Burn alligator
- 84 Be winded
- 86 Frosty's pipe
- 88 Decorative bands
- 89 Chiffon, say
- 91 Future imago
- 92 Alternative name for Troy
- 93 Anne's home, in literature
- 95 Court locale
- 96 Desist
- 98 Top prize
- 99 Film archive
- 100 December celebrations
- 102 Incursion
- 103 Beaver State capital
- 106 Chief
- 108 Long ride
- 111 Day ____
- 113 Go (for)
- 114 Modern beginning?
- 115 Long, narrow fish
- 117 Blood-type system

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GADGETS & CHARTS

Blasting enemies might boost brain

Blowing away enemy soldiers and aliens might be good for the brain, as researchers have found that fast-paced action video games improve a player's learning ability.

People who play video games such as Activision Blizzard Inc.'s "Call of Duty" are better able to multitask, perform cognitive tasks such as rotating objects in their minds and focus and retain information better than non-players, said Daphne Bavelier, a research professor in brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester in New York. They also have better vision. The reason is, the games help people learn, even those who aren't regular players.

"People who play action video games get better much faster," said Bavelier. The skills are seemingly unrelated to each other and hard to practice, she said.

The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, explains the diverse benefits that stem from faster learning. The insights from the study may be used to improve education or to help people with strokes or other brain injuries.

Players were better able to predict what was coming next, even when they were asked to identify patterns that had nothing to do with the game. Non-gamers also improved after researchers asked them to play a game like "Call of Duty" for as long as two hours a day, five times a week for two months. The benefits lasted as long as a year.

"I can show that playing the video game itself improves their performance," said Bavelier. "But all video games don't lead to improvement."

A comparison group of people was asked to play social games like Electronic Arts Inc.'s "The Sims 2," which don't feature rapid action. Those players didn't reap any benefits, the study found.

The fast-paced games, generally first- or third-person shooting video games, created better learners. An examination of how their brains were wired showed the connectivity adapted as the games progressed, Bavelier said.



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Fast-paced shooter video games can have a positive effect on a player's learning ability, recent research suggests.

"The brain has not just one neuron, but networks of neurons talking to each other," she said. "During the task, they were changing their connectivity on the fly to match the task at hand," she said. "They knew what was important to pay attention to and what was noise and distraction, and they could suppress distractions."

The researchers are now examining the details of each game to try to tease out which elements are critical for improved learning, she said. They are designing a non-violent game that includes the elements they believe are important for learning, aimed at children ages 8 to 12.

"We would rather have these mechanics built with layers of learning and academic knowledge, rather than learning how to shoot zombies," she said. "All of these games that are on the market are violent and inappropriate for children."

For children, teenagers and young adults who do play video games, the findings aren't an excuse to spend hours a day in front of a screen or to avoid homework, she said. While learning improves, other measures of brain function might worsen.

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GADGET WATCH

No glasses needed with EyeFly3D

BY GREGG ELLMAN

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

The LCDs on smartphones already produce amazing image quality, but when you add the EyeFly3D screen protector, it brings it into a whole new category.

There are specific instructions for applying the tempered glass protector to your iPhone 5/5s (iPhone 6/6 plus versions are due out in January) to ensure it works properly.

EyeFly3D was developed by Nanoveu with a patent-pending technology, which allows it to work without glasses but makes your images and video's appear to jump out of the screen.

The EyeFly3D uses free apps for viewing video (EyeFly3D Vid) or images (EyeFly3D Pbk) in landscape or portrait modes.

Through the app's settings, you'll convert your media to 3-D.

It sounded confusing to me when I read about this product, but to see it is to believe it.

It's almost like magic to know I can now watch everything in 3-D, without the need of 3-D glasses.

According to Nanoveu, "What sets EyeFly3D apart from its competitors is that the technology uses lenticular lenses to produce high-quality 3-D that feel natural to the human eye. Our screens are more transparent, affordable, simple to use, and feature intuitive apps that allow the user to create, share and experience glasses-free 3-D, without distorted, darkened images that are uncomfortable to view."

Online: eyefly3d.com



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The EyeFly3D allows you to convert your media to 3D through the use of a screen protector and free apps.

The NewerTech aluminum numeric wireless keypad is a perfect companion for Mac keyboards. It's certainly the accessory I've been waiting for.

Apple fans will really like the "Apple-esque" design, which is a perfect match with its aluminum outer casing and white keys. According to NewerTech, an international version with black keys is coming soon.

It connects to your computer or laptop with Bluetooth, and 2 AAA batteries (included) keep it running.

The keypad also includes a bracket to attach it to Apple keyboards without the need of tools.

Besides all the number keys, it also includes delete, tab, page up, page down and home. In all, there are 28 keys.

Online: eshop.macsales.com; \$49

The Thinium Charge is a slick-looking retractable USB charger and syncing device for smartphones and tablets. You won't need any cables to make it connect to your device or to plug in a wall.

It's available in versions with lightning or micro-USB connections, which retract and allow your phone to rest on top. It allows both charging and syncing while using the device for most anything in portrait mode.

There's also a tangle-free USB cable to hook it up directly to a computer for power or for connecting to your own AC USB adapter.

What makes this device shine for me is the fold-out AC prongs on the back that enable the charger to be plugged directly into a wall outlet.

I tried it with an iPhone 5s and an iPhone 6, and it worked great. Then I tried it with several cases, with mixed results; the thinner the case, the better the chance of it working.

The feather-light, pocket-sized device is super portable, or you can just leave it plugged as your resident charging dock.

Online: thinium.com; \$49.99, available in black, white or bronze

The Recoils Automatic Cord Winders feel the pain of those who get incredibly frustrated when they pull out their headphones and find that they've formed a tangled web.

In seconds, you can attach your headphones to the device, and it winds your headphones up in an untangled manner for storage.

Consider it a problem solver for any USB or charging cable. You can even keep a USB AC charging plug on the end and just retract it when you need it.

Online: recoilwinders.com; small, medium or large winders \$9.99 each, combo packs \$27.99



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ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Nov. 12:

- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Blank Space," Taylor Swift
- "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
- "Take Me to Church," Hozier
- "Animals," Maroon 5
- "The Heart Wants What It Wants," Selena Gomez
- "Something in the Water," Carrie Underwood
- "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
- "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
- "Hobbit (Stay High)," Tove Lo

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify Nov. 3-9:

- "Take Me to Church," Hozier
- "Animals," Maroon 5
- "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
- "Hobbit (Stay High)," Tove Lo
- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Love Me Harder," Ariana Grande
- "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
- "Cool Kids," Echoborn
- "Blame," Calvin Harris
- "Don't Tell 'Em," Jeremih

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Nov. 12:

- "Maleficent"
- "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"
- "Let's Be Cops"
- "Tammy"
- "A Most Wanted Man"
- "The Expendables 3 — Unrated Edition"
- "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
- "Hercules (Extended Cut)"
- "Highborn"
- "Planes: Fire & Rescue"

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VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer rank the Top 10 Xbox 360 games for November:

- "Dragon Age: Inquisition," Electronic Arts
- "Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare," Activision
- "The Evil Within," Bethesda
- "Far Cry 4," Ubisoft
- "Skylanders Trap Team," Activision
- "Assassin's Creed Rogue," Ubisoft
- "Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor," Warner Bros.
- "Alien: Isolation," Sega
- "Fantasy: Music Evolved," Disney-Interactive
- "Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel," 2K Games

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APPS

Top 5 new free apps for Nov. 12:

- Android
- Disney Movies Anywhere, Disney
- Angry Birds Transformers, Rovio Mobile Ltd.
- Legion of Heroes, NEXON M Inc
- Clash of Gangs, IGG.COM
- Remote Control for TV (PRO), Best TV Remote Ever

Top 5 free phone apps for Nov. 12:

- APPLE
- Facebook Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
- Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
- Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
- YouTube, Google, Inc.
- Microsoft Word, Microsoft Corporation

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INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



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and Editors Awards –
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Recipient: Laura Rauch

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Narrative Writing Contest –
Notable Narrative Winner
Recipient: Martin Kuz:
"Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 National Headline Awards –
Second Place: News Series
(Forever After: A Warrior Wounded;
A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign –
Honorable Mention
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year –
Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award –
Breaking News Photography
(Newspaper Circulation 100,001+
or Affiliated Website/National
Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch:
"For those I love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary
Award for Excellence in Journalism –
Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage
($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headline Awards –
First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) –
Third Place: News Series
(Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism –
George Polk Award for Military Reporting
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III
and Kevin Barton

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards –
Editorial Print /
Special Supplement: HEROES 2009;
Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage ($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage
($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano;
Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery
Photography: Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage
($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipients: Steve Lower
Photography: Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in
Journalism Award –
Ground Truth Series

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation
National Journalism Award –
First Amendment, Finalist

BUSINESS/WEATHER

AT&T removes cellular 'supercookies'

By JACK GILLUM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — AT&T Mobility, the second-largest U.S. cellular provider, said Friday it is no longer attaching hidden Internet tracking codes to data transmitted from its users' smartphones.

The practice made it nearly impossible to shield its subscribers' identities online.

The change by AT&T essentially removes a hidden string of letters and numbers that are passed along to websites that a consumer visits. It can be used to track subscribers across the Internet, a lucrative data-mining opportunity for advertisers that could still

reveal users' identities based on their browsing habits.

Verizon Wireless, the country's largest mobile firm, said Friday it still uses this type of tracking, known as "supercookies." Verizon spokeswoman Debra Lewis said business and government customers don't have the code inserted. There has been no evidence that Sprint and T-Mobile have used such codes.

"As with any program, we're constantly evaluating, and this is no different," Lewis said, adding that consumers can ask that their codes not be used for advertising tracking. But that still passes along the codes to websites, even if subscribers say they don't want their data being used for marketing purposes.

The tracking codes are part of the latest plan by the cellular industry to keep tabs on users and their devices. While the codes don't explicitly contain personal information, they're unique and nonetheless sent to websites along

side personal details that a user may submit voluntarily — like a name or a phone number.

That means enough data can transform a large chunk of random digits into a digital fingerprint that's as identifying as a government pension system number. AT&T said Friday its tracker was part of a testing project that's been phased off of its network.

"This is more like a license plate for your brain," said Jacob Hoffman-Andrews, a senior staff technologist with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties organization that opposed the practice. "Everything you wonder about and read and ask the Internet about gets this header attached to it. And there are ad agencies out there that try to associate that browsing history with anything that identifies you."

For mobile users, the quest for online privacy isn't easy. Even if subscribers wanted to switch service providers to what they think is a more privacy-friendly carrier, they would likely be slapped with

hundreds of dollars in early termination fees before leaving.

The magazines Wired and Forbes first reported last month that Verizon and AT&T were inserting the tracking numbers, even if their subscribers wanted to opt out. The investigative website ProPublica also discovered that Twitter's advertising arm was using Verizon's tracking codes, which could be used to build a dossier about a person's behavior on mobile devices.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 17)	\$1.2778
Dollar buys (Nov. 17)	\$9.7826
British pound (Nov. 17)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Nov. 17)	113.00
South Korean won (Nov. 17)	1,072.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5680
Canada (Dollar)	1.1283
China (Yuan)	6.1295
Denmark (Krone)	6.9429
Egypt (Pound)	7.1325
Euro	\$1.2525/7.984
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7547
Hungary (Forint)	244.50
Israel (Sheqel)	3.8163
Japan (Yen)	116.25
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2915
Norway (Krone)	6.7546
Philippines (Peso)	45.05
Poland (Zloty)	3.38
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7523
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2966
South Korea (Won)	1,099.26
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9591
Thailand (Baht)	32.85
Turkey (Lira)	2.2313

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., non-sterling British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies in one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

MARKET WATCH

Nov. 14, 2014	
Dow Jones Industrials	-18.05
	17,634.74
Nasdaq composite	8.40
	4,688.54
Standard & Poor's 500	0.49
	2,039.82
Russell 2000	-1.61
	1,173.81

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.05

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures											
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	37	35	Cldy	Chattanooga	50	32	Rain	Fort Wayne	35	25	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	36	26	Cldy	Cheney	25	-6	Clr	Fresno	66	49	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	41	25	Cldy	Chicago	32	25	Cldy	Goodland	30	04	PCldy
Albuquerque	47	35	Cldy	Cincinnati	38	28	Cldy	Grand Rapids	33	24	Snow
Allentown, Pa.	46	27	Cldy	Cleveland	36	28	Cldy	Great Falls	28	08	PCldy
Amarillo	27	19	Cldy	Colorado Springs	27	5	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	53	28	Cldy
Anchorage	38	21	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	53	33	Cldy	Honolulu	83	69	Cldy
Asheville	57	34	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	63	37	Cldy	Houston	62	56	Rain
Atlanta	57	35	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	39	28	Cldy	Indianapolis	37	26	Snow
Atlantic City	51	28	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	42	21	Cldy	Jacksonville	59	42	Rain
Austin	58	46	Cldy	Corpus Christi	72	55	Cldy	Juneau	37	25	PCldy
Baltimore	48	29	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	45	40	Cldy	Kansas City	27	16	Cldy
Batimore	48	29	Cldy	Dayton	36	27	Cldy	Lake Charles	70	51	Rain
Baton Rouge	69	47	Rain	Daytona Beach	78	60	PCldy	Lansing	34	24	Snow
Bilings	32	1	Clr	Denver	26	2	PCldy	Las Vegas	62	49	Clr
Birmingham	56	36	Rain	Des Moines	25	17	PCldy	Lincoln	26	7	Cldy
Bismarck	21	4	Clr	Detroit	36	26	Cldy	Little Rock	45	35	Cldy
Boise	24	02	Clr	Duluth	18	4	Cldy	Los Angeles	76	56	Cldy
Boston	46	30	Cldy	El Paso	64	49	Cldy				
Bridgport	43	29	Cldy	Elkins	44	34	Cldy				
Brownsville	80	62	Cldy	Erie	35	31	Cldy				
Buffalo	37	30	Snow	Eugene	47	26	Clr				
Burlington, Vt.	30	18	Snow	Evansville	39	26	Snow				
Caribou, Maine	33	15	Cldy	Fairbanks	21	-5	Clr				
Casper	47	28	PCldy	Fargo	21	06	Clr				
Charleston, S.C.	57	39	Cldy	Flagstaff	38	27	Clr				
Charleston, W.Va.	44	29	Cldy	Flint	35	26	Snow				
Charlotte, N.C.	54	25	Cldy	Fort Smith	42	29	Cldy				

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

National temperature extremes
Hi: Fr., 84, Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Lo: Fr., -24, Jordan, Mont.

SCOREBOARD/SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 24

Auto racing

Ford EcoBoost 400 lineup

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
After Friday qualifying: race Sunday
at Homestead-Miami Speedway
Homestead, Fla.
Race length: 145 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 180.747 mph
2. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 180.632
3. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 180.254
4. (2) Brian Keselowski, Ford, 178.984
5. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 178.946
6. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 179.593
7. (10) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 179.498
8. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 179.348
9. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 179.259
10. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 179.069
11. (98) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 178.736
12. (88) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 176.684
13. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 176.094
14. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 176.038
15. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 176.802
16. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 176.196
17. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 178.778
18. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 178.601
19. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 178.601
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 178.477
21. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 178.424
22. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 177.559
23. (5) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 177.778
24. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 177.678
25. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 178.23
26. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 178.136
27. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 178.13
28. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 178.024
29. (31) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 178.024
30. (3) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 177.189
31. (44) David Ragan, Ford, 177.113
32. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 177.072
33. (40) Brandon Cassill, Chevrolet, 176.99
34. (83) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 176.304
35. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 176.056
36. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 175.638
37. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, owner points
38. (55) Michael McDowell, Ford, owner points
39. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, owner points
40. (32) Blake Koch, Ford, owner points
41. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, owner points
42. (26) Cole Whit, Toyota, owner points
43. (66) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, owner points

Ford EcoBoost 200

NASCAR Camping World Trucks
Friday
at Homestead-Miami Speedway
Homestead, Fla.
Race length: 145 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Darrell Wallace Jr., Toyota, 134.3 miles, 131.2 rating, 47 points, \$42,995
2. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 134.155
3. (15) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 134.155
4. (5) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 134.116, 0
5. (2) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 134.114, 39, \$16,675

Boxing

Fight schedule

Nov. 22
At The Venetian, Las Vegas, Manny Pacquiao vs. Chris Algieri, 12, for Pacquiao's lightweight title; Smith vs. Nikola Kwamchi, O'neal, 12, for WBO flyweight title; Vassilios vs. Chontarri Phipprapiny, 12, for Lomax's WBO featherweight title; Jesse Vargas vs. Antonio DeLaRosa, 12, for Vargas's WBA junior welterweight title; At Yokohama, Japan, Roman Piontzev vs. Edgar Puer, 12, for Miura's WBC flyweight title; Roman Piontzev vs. Rocky Fuentes, 12, for Gonzalez's WBC flyweight title.
Nov. 23
At Centurix, London, England, Nathan Cleverly vs. Tony Bellew, 12, cruiserweights; Anthony Joshua vs. Michael Spott, 10, heavyweights; Carl Smith vs. Nikola Sekijoka, 12, WBC super middleweight interim title; James DeGale vs. Marco Antonio Peribian, 12, super middleweights; George Groves vs. Denis Duggan, 12, super middleweights.
Nov. 25
At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb., Terence Crawford vs. Raymond Beltran, 12, welterweights; WBO lightweight title; Evgeny Gradovich vs. Jayson Velaz, 12, for Gradovich's IBF featherweight title.

6. (4) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 134.103, 38, \$16,450
7. (7) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 134, 103.0, \$13,000
8. (34) Jose Nemecek, Toyota, 134, 93.6, \$15,050
9. (6) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 134, 95.6, \$15,852
10. (17) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 134, 87.1, 94, \$25
11. (3) Ross Chastain, Toyota, 134, 86.7, \$3,144,550
12. (11) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 134, 69.4, 32, \$14,375
13. (19) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 134, 81.1, 31, \$14,250
14. (10) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 134, 78.7, 30, \$14,150
15. (22) German Quiroga, Chevrolet, 134, 72.9, \$14,875
16. (18) Mason Mitchell, Ford, 134, 69, 28, \$14,875
17. (11) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 134, 72.6, 27, \$13,625
18. (10) Bryan Silas, Chevrolet, 134, 64.9, 27, \$13,725
19. (20) Taylor Malsam, Chevrolet, 134, 69.8, 25, \$13,625
20. (26) Austin Hill, Ford, 134, 57.6, 24, \$11,880
21. (24) Matt Tiff, Chevrolet, 134, 56.6, 23, \$11,050
22. (27) Justin Jennings, Chevrolet, 134, 54.5, \$13,050
23. (19) Tyler Coultter, Chevrolet, 133, 75.1, \$13,325
24. (25) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 133, 48.4, 20, \$12,625
25. (28) Kyle Martel, Chevrolet, 131, 44.3, 19, \$10,325
26. (32) Todd Peak, Chevrolet, 131, 40.6, 18, \$10,975
27. (33) Derek White, Chevrolet, 130, 34.8, \$9,775
28. (21) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 130, 55.6, 30, \$10,375
29. (23) Mason Mings, Chevrolet, 130, 40.4, 29, \$9,450
30. (31) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 129, 35.2, 14, \$9,150
31. (20) Wendell Chaves, Chevrolet, electrical, 114, 31.8, 13, \$8,600
32. (14) Scott Stash, Chevrolet, electrical, 58, 39.3, 13, \$8,575
33. (12) John Wensley, Chevrolet, electrical, 11, 32.8, 11, \$8,550
34. (35) Noren Benning, Chevrolet, rear gear, 11, 31.5, 10, \$8,525
35. (12) John Wensley, Toyota, electrical, 11, 31.5, 10, \$8,525
36. (34) Caleb Roark, Chevrolet, vibration, 5, 26.5, 5, \$8,410

Speed Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 113.1 mph
Time of Race: 1 hour, 45 minutes, 59 seconds

Margin of Victory: 0.293 seconds
Caution Flags: 7 for 28 laps

Lead Changes: 13 among 9 drivers.
Lead Leaders: K Larson 1.5; J Cobb 26.6; D Wallace 27.4; K Busch 43; K Larson 44.74; D Wallace Jr. 75; K Larson 76; D Wallace Jr. 77; K Larson 78-100; B Silas 101; K Busch 102; D Wallace Jr. 103-114; K Busch 115-118; D Wallace Jr. 119-134.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Time, Lap, Laps Led): K Larson, 5 times for 96 laps; D Wallace Jr., 4 times for 30 laps; K Busch, 3 times for 6 laps; B Silas, 1 time for 1 lap; J Cobb, 1 time for 1 lap.

At The Point: 1. Crafton, 83; 2. R Blaney, 812; 3. D Wallace Jr., 799; 4. Wensley, 745; 5. Phipers, 746; 6. G Quiroga, 683; 7. Coultter, 680; 8. J Burton, 679; 9. Kennedy, 679; 10. B Silas, 548.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Qualifying, Finish, Pole Position, Overtakes, Average Running Position While Leading, Average Running Position While Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Dec. 6
At Oldenburg, Germany, Juergen Braehmer vs. Pawel Glazewski, 12, for Braehmer's WBA light heavyweight title; Yago Pablo Hernandez vs. Ola Afolabi, 12, for WBA flyweight title; J. Culcay vs. Ruben Varon, 12, for Culcay's European junior middleweight title; Zeynep Zeynep vs. Sinauer Bozic, 12, super middleweights.
Dec. 12
At Madison Square Garden, Brooklyn, N.Y., David Lemieux vs. Gabriel Rosado, 12, middleweights; Thomas Duggan vs. Hank Lundy, 10, junior welterweights; James De La Rosa vs. Hugo Centeno, 10, middleweights.
Dec. 13
At Hermosillo, Mexico, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Jose Luis Hernandez, 12, for Estrada's WBO/WBA flyweight title.

At Temecula, Calif., Austin Trout vs. Luis Gajardo, 12, junior middleweights; Oscar Escobar vs. Tyson Lowe, 12, junior featherweight eliminator.

At San Antonio, Erismaly Lara vs. Ishe Smith, 12, for Lara's WBA junior middleweight title; Christopher Pearson vs. Steve Martinez, 10, light middleweights.

At The Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas, Timothy Bradley Jr. vs. Diego Chaves, 12, welterweights; Matt Korobov vs. Andy Lee, 12, for the vacant WBO middleweight title; Mauricio Herrera vs. Jose, 12, for Herrera's interim WBA super lightweight title.

Briefly

Crafton makes history, wins Truck Series again

The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Matt Crafton just needed to avoid a disaster to clinch a second straight Truck Series championship.

No big deal at all for the grizzled, 38-year-old veteran.

Crafton became the first driver to win consecutive Truck championships when he clinched the title with a ninth-place finish Friday night at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"To say I made history is definitely very, very cool, but it's all about the guys that are behind me," Crafton said. "Without them, I'm just an average race car driver at best."

All he had to do was finish 21st or better in the 134-lap race contested by a field mostly full of up-and-comers. There was never any doubt.

Darrell Wallace Jr. earned his fourth win of the season.

Wallace and truck owner/driver Kyle Busch went bumper-to-bumper for a celebratory spinout.

"That was on the fly, man," Busch said. "I just stopped and waited. I'll have to see what it looked like on TV but from where I was sitting, it looked pretty cool."

Busch finished fourth, and his Kyle Busch Motorsports team won the driver's championship.

Kyle Larson was second, Timothy Peters third and Ryan Blaney fifth. Blaney was runner-up to Crafton in the final standings.

In other auto racing news: ■ Jeff Gordon bounced back from last week's elimination from the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship race Friday by winning the pole for Sunday's NASCAR season finale at Homestead, Fla.

Gordon turned a lap at 180.747 mph in qualifying at Homestead-Miami Speedway to earn the top starting spot. He's racing only for the trophy because he did not qualify for the four-driver championship final.

Gordon was bumped from the finale when Ryan Newman used an aggressive pass of Kyle Larson on the last lap at Phoenix to snatch the final spot in the championship round away from Gordon.

Kevin Harvick will lead the title contenders Sunday by starting fifth. Denny Hamlin will start eighth and Joey Logano will start 12th. Newman was the worst qualifier at 21st.

Burnett scores \$8.5M, 1-year deal with Pirates

PITTSBURGH — A.J. Burnett believes his right arm has one — and only one — season left in it. The pitcher has no intentions of letting it go to waste.



Matt Crafton celebrates Friday after wrapping up the NASCAR Trucks series title in Florida.

Spurning a chance to remain with floundering Philadelphia, Burnett agreed to an \$8.5 million, one-year deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday.

"This is where I belong," Burnett said. "There are certain feelings you get, certain gut things and this was a no-brainer for me."

Burnett went 26-21 for the Pirates in 2012-13, helping the franchise return to the postseason in 2013 following a 21-year drought. He'll receive \$4.25 million less from the Pirates than he would have gotten from the Phillies under the player option he declined.

■ The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired right-hander Jeremy Hellickson from the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday.

In the first major move by new Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart, the Diamondbacks sent Tampa Bay two minor league prospects, infielder Andrew Velazquez and outfielder Justin Williams.

Colombia rallies to beat US men's soccer team

LONDON — Teofilo "Teo" Gutierrez headed in a late goal as Colombia came from behind to beat the United States 2-1 in a friendly at Craven Cottage on Friday.

Gutierrez's 87th-minute strike means the Americans have now conceded in the last five minutes for three consecutive matches.

Jorge Altamirano put the U.S. in front from the penalty spot in the 10th minute at Fulham's West London stadium, having scored just once for Sunderland this season.

But Colombia was the superior side all night and the comeback began in the 61st when Carlos Bacca, who had been denied penalty at the end of the first half, leveled.

For one night, west London felt more like a part of Colombia with thousands of fans in yellow giving the team raucous support.

Kentucky announces 3 signees for 2015 class

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky has signed guards Isaiah Briscoe and Charles Matthews and center Skal Labissiere to national letters of intent.

Two scouting sites have rated the 6-foot-3 Briscoe as the nation's ninth-best overall player of the 2015 class, while two others rank him in the top 20. The Newark, N.J., native averaged 22.1 points, 4.0 assists and 3.9 rebounds per game as a junior at Roselle Catholic High School and helped Team USA win the gold medal at this year's FIBA Americas U18 Championships.

Two scouting sites have rated the 6-11 Labissiere, a Memphis resident from Haiti, as the nation's top center and among the top four players overall.

Matthews, a 6-5 shooting guard from Chicago, is rated among the top 20 at his position by several sites.

In other college basketball news:

■ The NCAA men's basketball championship is going West in 2017.

Phoenix is one of five future Final Four sites chosen Friday by the men's basketball committee. The others are San Antonio in 2018, Minneapolis in 2019 and Atlanta in 2020. Indianapolis, where the NCAA is based, will host the 2021 Final Four even though the committee was only expected to award games through 2020.

Three other cities, including St. Louis, also made bids.

Maze wins World Cup women's slam

LEVI, Finland — Tina Maze of Slovenia beat Sweden's Frida Hansdotter by 0.34 after a second run in light snow as the Arctic sky darkened.

Austria's Kathrin Zettel had the day's fastest time of 56.70 to finish third, ahead of Sweden's Maria Pietilae-Holmner.

Shiffrin, 14th in the first run, improved slightly in the second to finish 11th overall. The American had times of 59.83 and 57.39 for a 1:57.22 total, more than two seconds behind Maze.

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New Jersey right wing Dainius Zubrus, left, has his shot blocked by Washington goalie Braden Holtby during the second period of Friday's game in Washington. New Jersey won the game 1-0.

Roundup

Cammerleri scores only goal as Devils top Caps

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Braden Holtby didn't let a shot get past him all game. Instead, he threw the hockey equivalent of a pick-six.

That was enough to give the New Jersey Devils a 1-0 win over the Washington Capitals on Friday night.

After nearly 50 minutes of stellar saves by two goalies, Holtby went to retrieve the puck behind the net and passed it straight to Mike Cammerleri, who read the play like a safety ready a quarterback. It would have looked like the perfect setup had the two been wearing the same color sweaters.

"That point in the game you have to pick the safe play," Holtby said. "And I didn't, and it cost us."

Cammerleri easily drove the one-timer from the right circle inside the far post with 10:22 remaining, giving the Devils the win.

"I just tried my best to get it off as quick as I could, so I could get it back on net," Cammerleri said. "Good thing I hit the net, or it would have been bad by me."

Cammerleri's seventh goal of the season stood up because of 30 saves from Corey Schneider, who got his first shutout of the season as the Devils won their second straight after a four-game skid. They also snapped the Capitals' four-game winning streak.

"That was a tough break for us," Washington coach Barry Trotz said. "There's nothing really to say. No one feels worse than Braden on that play. That's his strength, is handling the puck, and unfortunately it ended up in our net."

Until Holtby's miscue, he and Schneider had squeezed, kicked, sprawled and otherwise did every maneuver necessary to keep clean sheets. The teams combined to go 0-for-7 on power plays.

Holtby finished with 27 saves — stopping every shot except for one when he wasn't in the crease.

"I've had a few of those myself this year, so I can definitely feel for Holtby there," Schneider said. "But you've got to give Cammy credit, that wasn't an easy puck to one-time from a bad angle into a net."

Schneider is the only goalie to have started all of his team's games this season. It was his 13th career shutout, and the win offered a measure of revenge from the Devils' 6-2 loss to the Capitals on Oct. 10, when he was pulled in the third period.

Penguins 2, Maple Leafs 1: Pascal Dupuis netted two goals and Sidney Crosby reclaimed sole possession of the NHL scoring lead with an assist in visiting Pittsburgh's win over Toronto.

The Penguins bounced back from a 5-0 loss at the New York Rangers on Tuesday and killed all six Maple Leafs power plays. Toronto scored three man-advantage goals in a win over Boston on Wednesday.

Blue Jackets 4, Flyers 3: James Wisniewski and Nick Foligno both scored two goals as visiting Columbus ended a nine-game losing streak by topping Philadelphia.

Ryan Johansen had four assists for the Blue Jackets, who tallied three goals on the power play and avoided a team record for consecutive losses.

Islanders 4, Panthers 3 (SO): Kyle Okposo scored the deciding goal in the shootout as visiting New York beat Florida for its fifth straight victory. Nikolay Kulemin, Ryan Strome and John Tavares had goals in regulation for New York, and Jaroslav Halak stopped 35 shots. Frans Nielsen also scored in the shootout.

Red Wings 4, Blackhawks 1: Johan Franzen and Tomas Tatar both scored during their team's dominant second period as host Detroit beat Chicago.

Franzen scored his fifth goal, with an assist from Henrik Zetterberg, at 4:49 of the second to break a 1-1 tie. Tatar added his fifth 1:10 later when he sent in a rebound of Joakim Andersson's shot. The Blackhawks were outshot 20-8 in the period.

Coyotes 5, Canucks 0: Martin Hanzal scored three straight goals — including two only 9 seconds apart — and Devan Dubnyk made 35 saves in visiting Arizona's first shutout of the season, a rout of Vancouver.

Shane Doan and Keith Yandle, on a power play in the final three minutes, also had goals for Arizona.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	17	12	4	1	25	45	43
Tampa Bay	17	11	4	2	24	61	46
Detroit	16	8	3	5	21	44	38
Ottawa	16	8	4	4	20	45	41
Toronto	17	9	6	2	20	54	45
Boston	18	10	8	0	20	49	48
Florida	14	5	4	5	15	27	35
Buffalo	19	3	13	3	9	24	66

Western Conference

	Central Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
St. Louis	16	11	4	1	23	45	32	
Nashville	16	10	4	2	22	41	34	
Winnipeg	17	9	6	2	20	33	36	
Chicago	17	9	7	1	19	45	34	
Minnesota	15	8	7	0	16	44	35	
Dallas	16	6	6	4	16	46	53	
Colorado	17	6	8	3	15	44	39	
	Pacific Division							
Anaheim	17	11	3	3	25	47	57	
Vancouver	18	12	6	0	24	53	52	
Calgary	18	10	6	2	22	55	48	
Los Angeles	17	8	5	4	20	42	38	
San Jose	18	9	7	2	20	53	51	
Arizona	17	7	9	1	15	45	56	
Edmonton	17	6	9	2	14	43	58	

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games
N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 3, SO
Columbus 4, Philadelphia 3
New Jersey 1, Washington 0
Pittsburgh 2, Toronto 1
Detroit 4, Chicago 1
Arizona 5, Vancouver 0

Saturday's games
Carolina at Boston
Minnesota at Dallas
Anaheim at Los Angeles
Toronto at Buffalo
Philadelphia at Montreal
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay
Colorado at New Jersey
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh
San Jose at Columbus
Winnipeg at Nashville
Washington at St. Louis
Ottawa at Calgary

Sunday's games
San Jose at Carolina
Winnipeg at Minnesota
Montreal at Detroit
Dallas at Chicago
Florida at Anaheim
Arizona at Edmonton

Monday's game
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers

Friday
Islanders 4, Panthers 3 (SO)

N.Y. Islanders 4, Panthers 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4, Panthers 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4, Panthers 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4, Panthers 3 (SO)

First Period—1, Florida, Hayes 3 (Trochek, Jokinen), 2:37.
Second Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 7 (Okposo, Bay), 13:09. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Strome 2 (Hickey, Halak), 15:08.
Shootout—N.Y. Islanders, Kulemin 3 (Boychuk, Grabovski), 3:57. 5, Florida, Campbell 1 (Jokinen, Barkov), 2:58 (pp), 6, Florida, Ekblad 2 (Trochek, Hayes), 17:25.

Shootout—N.Y. Islanders 2 (Nielsen G, Okposo G, Tavares NG), Florida 1 (Huberdeau G, Jokinen NG, Hayes NG).
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 11-13-8-2—Florida 8-10-11-9-38.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3; Florida 1 of 6.

Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Hickey 7-4-0 (38 shots—35 saves), Florida, Luongo 5-3-4 (54-31).
A—10,010 (17,040). T—2:48.

Blue Jackets 4, Flyers 3

Columbus 2 2 0-4
Philadelphia 1-3
First Period—1, Columbus, Wisniewski 1 (Johansen, Erikson), 8:23 (pp), 2, Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Streit, Voracek), 12:54 (pp), 3, Columbus, Foligno 8 (Erikson, Johansen), 17:10 (pp).
Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Voracek 7 (Bschenn, Simmons), 3:21 (pp), 2, Columbus, Foligno 3 (Johansen, Johnson), 9:47, 6, Columbus, Wisniewski 2 (Foligno, Johansen), 13:37 (pp).
Third Period—7, Philadelphia, Del Zotto 2 (Giroux, Mason), 1:10.
Shots on Goal—Columbus 9-15-14-38. Philadelphia 5-12-10-27.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 3 of 4; Philadelphia 2 of 3.

Goals—Columbus, McElhinney 1-5 (17 shots—24 saves), Philadelphia, Mason 3-5 (1-38-24).
A—13,758 (19,541). T—2:29.

Devils 1, Capitals 0

New Jersey 0 0 1-1
Washington 0 0 0-0

First Period—1, New Jersey, Cammerleri 1, 5:38.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 7-16-5-28. Washington 10-10-10-30.

Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 3; Washington 0 of 4.

Goals—New Jersey, Schneider 8-6-2 (30 shots—30 saves), Washington, Holtby 5-2 (28-27).
A—18,506 (18,506). T—2:24.

Penguins 2, Maple Leafs 1

Pittsburgh 0 0 1-2
Toronto 0 0 1-1

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 5 (Ehrhoff, Sutter), 17:18.
Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 6 (Crosby, Boruzzi), 1:15. 3, Toronto, Franzen 3, 6:31.

Third Period—4, Pittsburgh 13-10-17-40. Toronto 5-12-14-31.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Toronto 0 of 5.

Goals—Pittsburgh, Greiss 2-0-1 (31 shots—30 saves), Toronto, Bernier 5-4-2 (40-38).
A—19,295 (18,819). T—2:32.

Red Wings 4, Blackhawks 1

Detroit 1 0 0-1
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First Period—1, Detroit, Glendening 2 (Miller), 6:08. 2, Chicago, Kane 5 (Toews, Seabrook), 11:16 (pp).
Second Period—3, Detroit, Franzen 5 (Zetterberg), 4:48. 4, Detroit, Tatar 5 (Andersson, Glendening), 5:59.

Third Period—5, Detroit, Brismuth 2 (Datsyuk, Abdelkader), 17:51 (en).
Shots on Goal—Chicago 8-8-10-26. Detroit 11-20-6-37.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 1 of 4; Detroit 0 of 5.

Goals—Chicago, Crawford 6-4-1 (36 shots—33 saves), Detroit, Howard 7-2-4 (26-25).
A—20,227 (20,027). T—2:15.

Arizona 5, Canucks 0

Arizona 1 3 1-5
Vancouver 0 0 0-0

First Period—1, Arizona, Hanzal 3 (Vandell, Murphy), 14:56.
Second Period—2, Arizona, Hanzal 4 (Rieder, Erat), 15:25. 3, Arizona, Hanzal 5 (Erat, Michalek), 15:24. 4, Arizona, Doan 6 (Gagner, Vandell), 19:57.

Third Period—5, Arizona, Vandell 2 (Gagner, Vandell), 17:57 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Arizona 3-10-10-23. Vancouver 0-0-0-0.

Power-play opportunities—Arizona 1 of 4; Vancouver 0 of 3.

Goals—Arizona, Dubnyk 3-0-1 (35 shots—35 saves), Vancouver, Miller 11-3-0 (26-25).
A—18,708 (18,910). T—2:31.



Detroit left wing Tomas Tatar celebrates his goal against Chicago during the second period of Friday's game in Detroit.

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NBA



CHARLES KRUHA/AP

Cleveland forward LeBron James drives through the Boston defense during the second half of Friday's game. James scored a season-high 41 points as the Cavaliers defeated the Celtics 122-121 in Boston.

Roundup

James' 41 leads Cavs over Celtics

The Associated Press

BOSTON — LeBron James scored a season-high 41 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers overcame a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Boston Celtics 122-121 in the NBA on Friday.

James made one of two free throws with 36 seconds left to give Cleveland a one-point lead. Kyrie Irving then missed a layup and Avery Bradley rebounded for Boston, which called timeout with 7 seconds to go.

But the Celtics couldn't get a shot off as Rajon Rondo, who finished with 16 assists, lost control of his dribble near the top of the key just before the final buzzer sounded.

Suns 93, Lakers 80: Tim Duncan had 13 points and 11 rebounds and Cory Joseph scored eight of his 14 points in the fourth quarter as visiting San Antonio beat Los Angeles on one of the worst shooting nights of Kobe Bryant's 19-year NBA career.

Bryant scored nine points for the Lakers, going 1-for-14 from the field. The NBA's leading scorer missed his first 10 shots and all five of his three-point attempts.

Pelicans 139, Timberwolves 91: True Holiday missed just one shot while scoring 24 points in three quarters as New Orleans sent several offensive

team records.

The Pelicans' 139 point total, 56 made field goals, 66.7 percent shooting and 48-point margin of victory all set new records for a game.

Hawks 114, Magic 103: Paul Millsap and Al Horford each scored 19 points to help host Atlanta get its fourth straight win, beating Miami.

Magic 101, Bucks 85: Tobias Harris had 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead host Orlando.

Rockets 88, Sixers 87: James Harden scored 35 points, including an off-balance layup with 9 seconds left, to lead Houston past winless Philadelphia.

Pistons 96, Thunder 89 (OT): Brandon Jennings scored 25 of his 29 points in the second half and overtime, leading Detroit past host Oklahoma City.

Jazz 102, Knicks 100: Trey Burke made a jumper from the corner as time expired to help visiting Utah overcome a point effort from New York's Carmelo Anthony.

Nuggets 108, Pacers 87: Ty Lawson had 11 points and 10 assists as Denver got its first road win of the season.

Hornets 103, Suns 95: Kemba

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	7	2	.778	
Brooklyn	4	4	.500	2½
Boston	2	5	.286	4
New York	2	8	.200	5½
Philadelphia	1	9	.111	7

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	6	2	.750	
Atlanta	3	5	.375	3
Miami	2	6	.250	4
Charlotte	2	6	.250	4
Orlando	4	4	.500	3

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	2	.778	
Cleveland	4	3	.571	2
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	2½
Detroit	3	6	.333	4
Indiana	2	7	.290	4½

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	8	1	.889	
Dallas	3	6	.333	5
New Orleans	5	3	.625	2½
San Antonio	5	3	.625	2½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	6	5	.557	
Utah	4	6	.400	2½
L.A. Clippers	3	5	.375	3
Minnesota	2	6	.250	3½
Denver	2	6	.250	3½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	6	2	.750	
L.A. Clippers	3	5	.375	1½
Sacramento	2	6	.250	1½
Phoenix	1	7	.125	2½
L.A. Lakers	1	8	.111	3½

Thursday's games
 Memphis 111, Sacramento 110
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The Lakers' Kobe Bryant had the worst shooting night of his career in a 93-80 loss to the Spurs on Friday.

Cavaliers 122, Celtics 121

CLEVELAND — James 16-27-6-94, Love 2-10-12-12, Varejao 7-10-2-16, Irving 8-16-8-27, Marion 3-4-0-6, Thompson 2-7-0-4, Walters 4-1-2-10, Miller 0-1-0-0, Harris 1-2-3-6, Totals 34-89-12-18-22.

BOSTON — Green 5-12-2-10, Sullivan 11-13-1-0, Olynyk 8-13-3-21, Rondo 12-22-0-6, Bradley 6-10-0-12, Bass 5-8-2-12, Thomas 5-8-0-0, Thornton 5-8-0-0, Zeller 4-5-0-8, Powell 0-0-0-0, Totals 48-88-19-23-21.

CLEVELAND 25 34 25 38-122
BOSTON 21 28 42 20-121
 Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 9, Boston 7
 Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Philadelphia 56, Mamba 6 (Harden 7), Totals 34-89-12-18-22

Jazz 102, Knicks 101
UTAH — Favors 8-15-5-21, Hayward 11-9-19-10, Kanter 2-4-0-8, Burdette 5-9-0-13, Burks 3-2-2-9, Ingles 2-4-0-6, Booker 2-3-0-4, Gobert 0-2-4-6, Exum 1-0-0-3, Novak 1-3-0-3, Totals 36-70-20-50-102.

NEW YORK — Anthony 16-26-13-16, Ja Smith 2-8-0-4, Dalembert 2-5-0-4, Larkin 3-10-0-0, Shumpert 0-2-0-0, Hardaway Jr. 1-1-1-3, Acy 2-2-2-6, Aldrich 0-3-0-0, Prigioni 5-8-1-13, J. Smith 4-7-0-9, Early 1-2-0-2, Wear 3-5-0-6, Totals 39-82-17-20-102.

NEW YORK 23 24 25 27-102
 Three-Point Goals—Utah 10 (Burke 3-5), Ingles 2-4-0-6, Jefferson 7-15-0-13, Novak 1-3, Exum 1-3, New York 35 (Prigioni 2-4, Anthony 1-3, Smith 1-1, Larkin 1-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-1). Fouled Out—Booker, Rebounds—Utah 47 (Favors 12), New York 36 (Anthony 7, Acy 2-2-6, Burks 2-5 (Burke 8), New York 15 (Larkin 4), Exum 1-0-0-3, Novak 1-3-0-3, Totals 36-70-20-50-102.

Hornets 103, Suns 95
CHARLOTTE — Hairston 3-8-1-19, Williams 2-3-0-5, Jefferson 7-15-0-13, Walker 8-16-3-19, Stephenson 5-12-3-13, Harris 2-4-0-8, Smith 1-1-1-3, Larkin 1-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-1). Fouled Out—Booker, Rebounds—Utah 47 (Favors 12), New York 36 (Anthony 7, Acy 2-2-6, Burks 2-5 (Burke 8), New York 15 (Larkin 4), Exum 1-0-0-3, Novak 1-3-0-3, Totals 36-70-20-50-102.

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Detroit 21 21 25 15-96
Oklahoma City 20 18 16 7-89
 Three-Point Goals—Detroit 11-31 (Jennings 5-8, Smith 2-4, Jerebko 2-5, Singler 1-4, Caldwell-Pope 3-8), Foulout Out—None, Rebounds—Detroit 68 (Drummond 15), Oklahoma City 29 (Battie, Landry 10), Assists—Detroit 18 (Monroe, Jennings, Augustin 5), Oklahoma City 23 (Jackson 12), Total Fouls—Detroit 19, Oklahoma City 23, Technicals—Detroit defensive three second, Flagrant Fours—Smith, A—18-203 (18-203).

Rockets 88, 76ers 87

PHILADELPHIA — Mbach 0-0-0-0, Moute 2-2-6, Davies 3-12-0-2, Sims 6-8-2-14, Wroten 7-16-5-19, Thompson 5-9-0-0, Noel 3-7-2-8, Carter-Williams 4-12-3-13, McDaniels 2-5-0-4, C.Johnson 1-4-0-0, Gordon 1-2-0-2, Totals 34-89-12-18-22.

HOUSTON — Ariza 4-11-4-15, Motiejunas 1-4-1-2-3, Howard 9-14-3-12-21, Canaan 3-8-0-9, Harden 10-24-14-36, Pajonk 0-0-0-0, Terry 2-7-0-0-6, Black 0-1-2-1, Garcia 0-0-0-0, Totals 29-78-23-88.

Hawks 114, Heat 103

MIAMI — Deng 5-12-6-19, Williams 8-11-0-21, Bosh 7-10-2-20, Enns 0-1-2-1, Knight 2-6-0-6, Chalmers 7-11-8-23, Anderson 1-0-0-0, Thomas 2-2-0-0, Horne 1-4-0-0-3, Haslem 2-5-2-2-6, Totals 35-74-23-88.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Roundup

Arizona recovers from slow start, wins opener

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Brandon Ashley's right foot is feeling just fine. So are the Arizona Wildcats after a sputtering start.

Ashley scored a career-high 21 points in his return to the lineup and No. 2 Arizona shook off a shaky start to open the season with a 78-55 win over Mount St. Mary's Friday night.

"Being the first game that really meant something and also having a full house, it (jitters) was in the back of everyone's mind," said Arizona center Kaleb Tarczewski, who finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds. "Once we started playing basketball and went on that little run, everyone's nerves calmed down."

Playing under the weight of expectations and in front of an amped-up opening-night crowd, Arizona was out of sorts early, throwing away passes and allowing some easy baskets.

The Wildcats got rolling late in the first half with a closing 12-0 run to build a 15-point lead and were barely challenged after that.

No. 3 Wisconsin 62, Northern Kentucky 31: Frank Kaminsky scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to help the host Badgers beat the Norse.

No. 4 Duke 113, Presbyterian 44: Preseason All-American Jahil Okafor scored 19 points in his college debut and the host Blue Devils routed the Blue Hose in the opening round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

No. 5 Kansas 69, UC-Santa Barbara 59: Freshman Devonte Graham scored 14 points off the bench. Perry Ellis had 13 points and 10 rebounds and the host Jayhawks beat the Gauchos.

No. 6 North Carolina 76, North Carolina Central 60: Brice Johnson scored 12 points to help the host Tar Heels beat the Eagles.

No. 7 Florida 68, William & Mary 45: Dorian Finney-Smith scored 15 points, Michael Frazier II added 14 and the host Gators opened the season with a victory over the Tribe.

No. 9 Virginia 79, James Madison 51: Justin Anderson scored 18 points and the visiting Cavaliers got an impressive debut from freshman Isaiah Wilkins in a victory over the Dukes.

No. 10 Texas 85, North Dakota State 50: Freshman Myles Turner scored 15 points in his college debut and the host Longhorns romped to a season-opening win over the Bison.

No. 11 Wichita State 71, New Mexico State 54: Tekele Cotton scored 17 points and Ron Baker added 16 as the host Shockers won down the Aggies.

No. 12 Villanova 77, Lehigh



Arizona forward Brandon Ashley, right, draws the foul from Mount St. Mary's center Taylor Danaher during the second half of Friday's game in Tucson, Ariz. Ashley finished with a career-high 21 points.

66: Dylan Ennis scored 19 points while Darrun Hilliard and Daniel Ochefu combined for 10 in the decisive second-half run as the visiting Wildcats rallied for a victory over the Mountain Hawks.

No. 13 Gonzaga 104, Sacramento State 58: Kyle Wittjer scored 18 points and the host Bulldogs routed the Hornets.

No. 14 Iowa State 93, Oakland 82: Junior Georges Niang had a career-high 30 points and nine rebounds as the host Cyclones beat the Golden Grizzlies.

No. 15 VCU 85, Tennessee 69: Melvin Johnson scored 20 of his 23 points in the decisive first half, Trevon Graham had 15 points and 14 rebounds, and the Rams defeated the Volunteers in the Veterans Classic at Annapolis, Md.

No. 16 San Diego State 79, Cal State Northridge 58: Aqeel Quinn scored 15 points and Winston Shepard had 14 for the host Aztecs, who ran past the undermanned Matadors to open the season.

No. 17 UConn 66, Bryant 53: Ryan Boatright scored 24 points as the host Huskies opened up defense of their national cham-

pionship with a win over the Bulldogs.

No. 20 Ohio State 92, Umass-Lowell 55: Sam Thompson scored 14 points and his team's newcomers led the host Buckeyes to a victory against the overmatched River Hawks.

No. 22 SMU 93, Lamar 54: Ben Moore scored a career-high 22 points and added a team-high nine rebounds with five assists to lead the host Mustangs to a victory over the Cardinals.

No. 23 Syracuse 89, Kennessaw State 42: Rakeem Christnas had a career-high 21 points, freshman forward Chris McCullough added 16 points and 11 rebounds, and the host Orange beat the Owls.

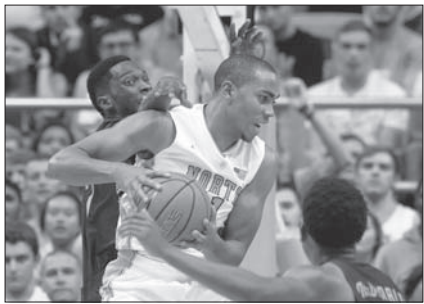
No. 25 Harvard 73, MIT 52: Wesley Saunders had 15 points, 9 rebounds and six assists on Friday night as the host Crimson opened the season with a victory over their down-river rivals, the Engineers.

No. 25 Utah 90, Ball State 72: Brandon Taylor scored 19 points while Jordan Loveridge and Jakob Poehl added 18 apiece to lead the host Utes to a victory over the Cardinals.

Scoreboard

Friday's men's scores

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Alabama 82, Towson 54	
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Clayton St. 72, Brevard 61	
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Richmond 64, Radford 46	
Shorter 83, Spring Hill 67	
South Alabama 83, Carroll (Mont.) 64	
South Carolina 81, North Florida 56	
South Florida 75, Flagler 61	
Southern Miss. 86, William Carey 63	
Stetson 78, Edward Waters 61	
Tennessee 85, Reinhardt 66	
Troy 85, Brewton-Parker 71	
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Virginia 79, James Madison 51	
Virginia Tech 71, Md.-Eastern Shore 46	
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Akron 74, UMKC 90, Ashville 69	
Xavier (Ind.) 84, Willy 70	
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Ariston 78, Mount St. Mary's 55	
Arizona St. 86, Chicago St. 50	
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San Diego St. 79, CS Northridge 58	
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North Carolina's Jordan Parks, rear, and Anthony McDonald during the second half of Friday's game in Chapel Hill, N.C.

GERRY BROOM/AP

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



GAIL BURTON/AP

Michigan State's Bryn Forbes shoots over Navy's Will Kelly during the second half of Friday's game in Annapolis, Md. Michigan State won 64-59.

Academies roundup

Michigan St. fends off Navy

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Travis Trice scored a career-high 25 points, and No. 18 Michigan State struggled against pesky Navy before squeezing out a 64-59 victory Friday night in the Veterans Classic.

The Spartans got all they could handle from the disciplined Midshipmen.

Michigan State led 44-43 with 11 minutes left and 53-50 with 7 minutes remaining before Navy went cold. A three-pointer by Denzel Valentine, coupled with a layup by Braden Dawson with 5:29 to go, upped the margin to eight points. After the Midshipmen got to 60-57, Trice scored on a drive with 1:46 left.

Fouled with 17.3 seconds left and Michigan State up 62-59, Trice — a senior guard — made one of two shots. Then, after a Navy misfire, Trice added two more free throws.

That was just enough to enable the Spartans to improve to 35-3 in their last 38 openers, 17-3 under coach Tom Izzo.

Army 84, Air Force 78: Kyle Wilson scored 24 points, Tanner Plomb added 22 more, and the Black Knights knocked off the Falcons in the season opener for both teams in the All-Military Classic at West Point.

Kevin Ferguson added 10 points for Army as well as a team leading six boards. Dylan Cox finished with a team high seven assists for the Black Knights, who totaled 18 as a team for the evening.

Max Yon led all Air Force scorers with 23. Hayden Graham finished with 18 off the bench, while Kamryn Williams added 10.

VMI 66, The Citadel 65: At West Point, N.Y., Trey Chapman made a three-pointer with 19 seconds left to lift the Keydets over the Bulldogs.

P.J. Horgan hit two free throws with 2:43 left to give The Citadel a 65-63 lead.

QJ Peterson led VMI with 25 points on 10-for-23 shooting. Brian Brown added 16, including four three-pointers, and Chapman had five points. The Keydets made 11 of 29 three-pointers, compared to just 2 of 4 for The Citadel.

Ashton Moore made 9 of 14 shots and finished with 24 points for The Citadel.

No. 1 Kentucky rolls in opener

Grand Canyon no match for Wildcats

By GARY B. GRAVES
The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky coach John Calipari liked the end result from the official debut of his two-platoon system, even if the top-ranked Wildcats weren't always sharp.

Despite those hulls, they still had more than enough size and talent for Grand Canyon to handle.

Andrew Harrison scored 16 points and Kentucky dominated Grand Canyon in every phase during an 85-45, season-opening blowout on Friday night.

Beginning their second straight season atop the rankings thanks to a 10-deep roster that Calipari utilized through a two-platoon system, the Wildcats exploited their substantial height and talent advantages through both units against a young Antelope squad featuring seven true or red-shirt freshmen among nine newcomers.

Despite missing a bunch of easy chances, Kentucky still shot 49 percent as nine of 11 players scored. The Wildcats held the Antelopes to 15-for-48 shooting (31 percent), out-rebounded them 51-21 and blocked 10 shots.

They even stretched a 27-point halftime lead to 40 in the final minute, but Calipari believed his Wildcats could have played better.

"The first half, it was good," the coach said of his team's 43-16 lead at the break built by holding Grand Canyon to 25 percent shooting. "The second half was not good. We never got in rhythm. We never made extra passes, so we kind of reverted. But I expect some of that early."

Willie Cauley-Stein added 12 points and 4 blocks, Dakari Johnson had 13 rebounds and 10 points and Trey Lyles had 14 points for Kentucky.



JAMES CRISP/AP

Kentucky's Trey Lyles shoots under pressure from Grand Canyon's Kerwin Smith (13) on Friday in Lexington, Ky. The No. 1-ranked Wildcats won 85-45.

No. 8 Louisville tops Minnesota

By MARCUS R. FULLER
The Associated Press

AGUADILLA, Puerto Rico — Rick Pitino proved he could have another title contender at Louisville. He just regrets it had to be at the expense of his son's team.

After No. 8 Louisville's 81-68 win over Minnesota on Friday night in the season opener for both teams, Pitino said he never should have agreed to play the Golden Gophers and their second-year coach Richard Pitino, his son.

"It was a nice event, but I really didn't want to play this game," said Pitino, who is now 2-0 against his son. "I hate the fact that we won. We don't want to open up 0-1, but I didn't want my son to open up 0-1. So far all the exposure, it was great until the end of the game. I'd rather have not played it, because my son lost."

Montrezl Harrell had 30 points and Terry Rozier added 18 to lead the Cardinals in the Armed Forces Classic, played at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Boring in front of about 1,400 people, most of them in the military.

The athletic Cardinals never let Minnesota get comfortable, holding the Gophers to 40 percent shooting and forcing 18 turnovers. They seemed surprised by Minnesota's energy that included a 14-10



RICARDO ARDUNGO/AP

Louisville's Montrezl Harrell holds up his team's trophy after winning the Armed Forces Classic at the United States Coast Guard Air Station in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico on Friday. Louisville defeated Minnesota 81-60.

lead after freshman guard Nate Mason hit two free throws.

But Cardinals freshman Quentin Snider sparked a 19-2 run with a three-point play and Minnesota had no answers for Harrell.

Harrell could have turned poor last season, but he showed off an improved jump shot with 17 points in the first half on 5-for-6 shooting, including a three-pointer to make it 29-16 with 6:38 left. The Gophers cut it to a nine-point deficit, but Harrell dazzled the crowd with an emphatic alley-oop dunk during another Cardinals rally to take a 43-30 halftime lead.

Minnesota showed why it was the worst team in the Big Ten last season in defensive efficiency with 19 fouls in the first half, including four starters with two fouls each.

Andre Hollins kept Minnesota in the game with 10 of his team-high 22 points in the first half. Starters Mo Walker, Joey King and DeAndre Mathieu combined for just two first-half points. Walker and Mason finished with 10 points apiece.

Rick Pitino only returned two seniors to go with five sophomores and eight freshmen for his first season in the ACC. It was plenty on this night to go along with Harrell, who finished 9-for-12 from the field, and added seven rebounds. Chris Jones also had 13 points for the Cardinals.

NFL

Briefly

League's salute to military hits right notes

The Associated Press

The NFL's salute to the military in November includes a call to action for fans to reach out to members of the services, and a Salute to Service Award given to someone in the league.

Partnering with USAA, which provides insurance and financial services to current and former members of the military and their families, the NFL is promoting appreciation for the military in a major way.

Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach, who won the 1963 Heisman Trophy at Navy and led the Cowboys to two Super Bowl titles, is urging fans to visit <http://salute-toservice.com> and honor those in the armed services.

"USAA has a strong relationship with the NFL," Staubach said. "In addition to many gestures of military appreciation at NFL games all season long, SaluteToService.com is really the place to go to look at videos related to military appreciation that are tied in with the NFL. They feature Robert Griffin III, Charles Tillman, Ron Rivera and myself. I am glad to see that companies like USAA appreciate military and veterans as they deserve to be appreciated."

Saints tight end Jimmy Graham is one of the 32 nominees for the Salute to Service Award, which will recognize a league member who demonstrates an exemplary commitment to honoring and supporting the military community. He recently posted a blog on sportsblog.com saying, "Grow-



TONY DEJAN/AP

Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam shakes hands with military guests during practice at his team's training camp on Tuesday in Berea, Ohio. As part of the Salute to Service campaign, military guests representing all five branches of the military were able to watch the Browns practice on Veteran's Day.

ing up in a military community, with the helicopters flying above, seeing my family literally walk through the door every day in their uniforms, you grow up with a sense of pride and respect for the flag."

Rivera also is a finalist for the award, which was won last year by Ravens coach John Harbaugh. USAA contributed \$25,000 in his honor to the official aid societies representing all five military

branches.

The winner of the award will be announced at the "NFL Honors" awards show on Jan. 31, the night before the Super Bowl.

Also, for every point scored during the NFL's 32 designated Salute to Service games, the league donates \$100 to each of its three core military nonprofit partners: the Pat Tillman Foundation, USO, and Wounded Warrior Project.

Bears WR Marshall challenges fan to bout

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The struggling Chicago Bears got another headache this week: Wide receiver Brandon Marshall got into an argument on Twitter with a Detroit fan and challenged him to a boxing match for charity.

Marshall said they should fight for \$5,000 but the fan upped it to

\$25,000. The fan seemed to back off and Marshall later took down Thursday's tweets.

The idea didn't sit well with Bears executives. Marshall said he was approached by team general manager Phil Emery in the hall and said Emery told him his contract limits potentially dangerous off-field activities.

Browns DE Taylor out for season with injury

BEREA, Ohio — Defensive end Phil Taylor will not be part of the Cleveland Browns' playoff push.

Taylor was placed on injured reserve with a right knee injury that will require surgery, ending his season after just five games.

The 6-foot-3, 335-pounder missed four games earlier in the year following an arthroscopic procedure on the same knee, but coach Mike Pettine said the current injury is "unrelated to it."

Saints' Graham calls out fans for illegal touching

METAIRIE, La. — Jimmy Graham says he's moving on from his newest touchdown celebration.

The New Orleans Saints' prolific tight end says people were trying to thank him "a little too much" last Sunday when he leaped into the stands after his fourth-quarter touchdown catch against San Francisco.

Graham's leap was caught by the FOX network's broadcast of the game. It shows one fan dressed like "The Joker" from "Batman" planting a hand on Graham's rear.

Browns: Cleveland coaches have hands full planning for Texans' Watt

FROM BACK PAGE

Watt is the first defensive lineman to score three touchdowns since 1985, when William "The Refrigerator" Perry did it for the Chicago Bears.

Perry was a novelty act.

"There's nothing about Watt."

"I wouldn't say it's hyperbole when you say he's the best defensive player in the NFL," Joe Thomas said. "I've never seen anybody as disruptive as he is. He's unpredictable."

Joe Thomas Browns tackle

Just when the AFC North-leading Browns found some cohesion in their running game, gaining 170 yards rushing last week in Cincinnati, they'll have to try to move the ball against Watt and Houston's defense. The Texans shift Watt along the

line of scrimmage, playing him inside to use his strength and outside to maximize his speed.

When he walks to the line to make his pre-snap read, Hoyer will find Watt.

"It's something I always do," he said. "I check the front. I check the linebackers. I check the coverage, but it's more for our offensive line and running backs to know where he is. He's a great player, but he also has great players around him."

Players don't come any tougher than Watt, in his fourth season. He's earned the universal respect of his peers and Texans coach Bill O'Brien said Watt's work ethic is unmatched.

"He's here early. He stays late," O'Brien says. "He practices very, very hard. He's a great teammate. He's a great leader on our team."

Browns coach Mike Pettine had high praise for Watt, the AP's defensive player of the year in 2012 and front-runner to win the award again.

"It's rare that somebody has it all, and really you look for a weakness and it's hard to find one," Pettine said. "He plays so hard that sometimes you see they either substitute for him or he burns himself out. To me, that's a compliment that he plays as hard as he does."



PATRICK SCHNEIDER/AP

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Mark Sanchez slowly gets up after being sacked for a 7-yard loss by Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt, right.



GAMEDAY

WEEK 11

TELEVISED GAMES



Seattle Seahawks (6-3)
at Kansas City Chiefs (6-3)

AFN-Sports

7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Chiefs lead 32-18, including the past two.

Last meeting: Kansas City beat host Seattle 42-24 on Nov. 28, 2010.

Notes: Seahawks QB Russell Wilson is 9-3 vs. the AFC (including Super Bowl) ... RB Marshawn Lynch rushed for 14 yards and 4 TDs last week. ... In the past seven games, Chiefs QB Alex Smith has completed 137 of 198 for 1,412 yards and 10 TDs with 1 INT.



Cincinnati Bengals (5-3-1)
at New Orleans Saints (4-5)

AFN-Atlantic

7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Tied 6-6, but Bengals have won three of the past four.

Last meeting: The visiting Saints beat the Bengals 34-30 on Dec. 5, 2010.

Notes: Bengals WR A.J. Green has 460 receiving yards and 6 TDs in his past five games vs. the NFC ... In the past five games, WR Mohamed Sanu has 24 catches for 414 yards and 2 TDs. ... In his last home game against Cincinnati, Saints QB Drew Brees passed for a career-high 510 yards.

Marquee matchup

Philadelphia Eagles (7-2) at Green Bay Packers (6-3)

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. Sunday Central European Time

SERIES RECORD: Packers lead 24-14 and have won two of the past three.

LAST MEETING: Eagles beat Packers 27-13 on Nov. 10, 2013.

EAGLES OFFENSE: OVERALL (5), RUSH (13), PASS (5).

EAGLES DEFENSE: OVERALL (21), RUSH (19), PASS (22).

PACKERS OFFENSE: OVERALL (12), RUSH (18), PASS (10).

PACKERS DEFENSE: OVERALL (23), RUSH (30) PASS (9).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: QB Mark Sanchez passed for 352 yards with 2 TDs, 0 INTs and a 102.5 rating in his first start for the Eagles last week ... RB LeSean McCoy rushed for 155 yards in the team's last meeting ... RB/PR Darren Sproles aims for a tie in a row vs. Green Bay at TD (receiving, punt return). He had a rushing TD and a punt-

return TD last week ... WR Jeremy Maclin has 18 catches for 345 yards and 4 TDs in the past two road games ...

Rookie WR Jordan Matthews had 7 catches for 138 yards and 2 TDs last week ... LB Connor Barwin had 3 1/2 sacks last week and leads the NFC with 10 1/2. ... Packers QB Aaron Rodgers had 315 yards, 6 TDs, 0 INTs and a 145.8 rating last week. He's the first Packers with two 6-TD games ...

RB Eddie Lacy has 300 yards from scrimmage and a TD in the past two games ... WR/PR Randall Cobb leads NFL WRs with 10 receiving TDs. He has a TD in six consecutive games, and a TD in all four home games this season ... WR Jordy Nelson aims for his sixth in a row at home with a TD reception (including playoffs) ... CB Tramon Williams has an interception, forced fumble and fumble recovery in past two vs. Philadelphia (including playoffs) ... LB Julius Peppers is the only player in NFL history with 100-plus sacks (123 1/2) and 10-plus INTs (10).



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for 315 yards and 6 TDs in the first half of last week's rout of the Chicago Bears.

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EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	7	2	0	.778	281	198	5-0-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0
Miami	6	4	0	.600	249	180	3-2-0	3-2-0	5-2-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	200	204	2-3-0	3-2-0	2-5-0	3-0-0	2-2-0
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	174	265	2-4-0	0-4-0	2-5-0	0-3-0	0-2-0
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	280	211	3-1-0	3-2-0	5-2-0	1-1-0	3-0-0
Houston	4	5	0	.444	206	197	2-2-0	2-3-0	3-2-0	1-3-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	2	7	0	.222	144	223	1-3-0	1-4-0	2-5-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	158	282	1-4-0	0-5-0	1-6-0	0-3-0	0-2-0
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	209	172	4-1-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	2-0-0	2-2-0
Cincinnati	5	3	1	.611	197	211	4-1-1	1-2-0	4-3-0	1-0-1	2-1-0
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	261	239	4-1-0	2-3-0	5-3-0	1-1-0	2-2-0
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	261	181	4-1-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	3-0-0	2-3-0
Denver	7	2	0	.778	286	202	5-0-0	2-2-0	5-1-0	2-1-0	3-0-0
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	217	151	3-1-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	205	186	3-1-0	2-3-0	4-3-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
Oakland	0	9	0	.000	146	252	0-5-0	0-4-0	0-7-0	0-2-0	0-2-0

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Philadelphia	7	2	0	.778	279	198	5-0-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	3-0-0	2-0-0
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	261	212	3-3-0	4-0-0	4-3-0	3-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	196	247	2-2-0	1-4-0	2-5-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
Washington	3	6	0	.333	197	229	2-2-0	1-4-0	1-5-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	251	225	3-1-0	1-4-0	4-4-0	0-1-0	2-1-0
Carolina	3	6	1	.350	198	281	2-3-0	1-3-1	3-4-0	0-2-1	1-1-0
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	219	238	2-2-0	1-4-0	3-4-0	0-2-0	3-0-0
Tampa Bay	1	8	0	.111	167	272	0-5-0	1-3-0	0-6-0	1-2-0	0-4-0
Detroit	7	2	0	.778	182	142	4-1-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	2-1-0	2-0-0
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	277	205	4-0-0	2-3-0	4-3-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	168	199	2-2-0	2-3-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	194	277	0-3-0	3-3-0	2-3-0	1-3-0	0-2-0
Arizona	8	1	0	.889	223	170	5-0-0	3-1-0	6-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	240	191	4-1-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	0-1-0
San Francisco	5	4	0	.556	195	202	2-2-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
St. Louis	3	6	0	.333	163	251	1-3-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	0-1-0	2-2-0



Detroit Lions (7-2)
at Arizona Cardinals (8-1)

AFN-Atlantic

10 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Lions lead 31-26-5, but Cardinals have won the past five.

Last meeting: Arizona beat visiting Detroit 25-21 on Sept. 15, 2013.

Notes: Lions QB Matthew Stafford has 19,953 passing yards, the most in a player's first 70 games in NFL history. ... Cardinals QB Drew Stanton, a second-round pick by the Lions in '07, threw a game-winning 48-yard TD pass last week in relief of Carson Palmer (knee).



New England Patriots (7-2)
at Indianapolis Colts (6-3)

AFN-Sports

2:20 a.m. Monday CET

Series: Patriots lead 45-28, including the past three.

Last meeting: New England beat Indianapolis 43-22 in an AFC divisional playoff game on Jan. 11 in Foxborough, Mass.

Notes: Patriots QB Tom Brady is 8-3 vs. the Colts, with 2,843 passing yards and 24 TDs vs. 10 INTs. ... Colts QB Andrew Luck has passed for 300-plus yards in seven consecutive games.

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Minnesota at Chicago
Denver at St. Louis
Houston at Cleveland
Atlanta at Carolina
Tampa Bay at Washington
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants
Oakland at San Diego
Open: Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets
Monday
Pittsburgh at Tennessee

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Cleveland at Atlanta
Detroit at New England
Jacksonville at Indianapolis
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo
Arizona at Seattle
St. Louis at San Diego
Washington at San Francisco
Miami at Denver
Dallas at N.Y. Giants
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Problems

Cleveland latest team to try to slow down Texans' Watt

By TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

J Watt seems to be everywhere in the U.S. Turn on the tube, and there he is dancing on a TV commercial. Check out the supermarket's magazine display, and there's Houston's dynamic No. 99 on the covers of two national sports magazines — this week.

Unstoppable on the gridiron, Watt can hardly be controlled off it. He's all over the place.

On Sunday, the Cleveland Browns need to keep him out of their backfield and off their quarterback.

If there's one NFL player who can keep a coaching staff awake at night it's Watt, the Texans' 6-foot-5, 290-pound wrecking ball who never stops moving. In nine games this season, Watt has amassed a career's worth of stats for an ordinary player.

"He's a beast," Browns quarterback Brian Hoyer says. "Everything said about him is true. I hope we can contain him."

Watt has an unmatched 2014 résumé.

He's recorded 8½ sacks, been credited with swatting seven passes, and made 11 tackles for a loss.

The \$100 million man — he signed a six-year contract extension in September — leads the league with 29 quarterback hits and he's scored three touchdowns: returning an interception 80 yards; rumbling 45 yards with a fumble recovery; and catching a 1-yard touchdown pass.

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Houston's J.J. Watt holds the ball aloft after scoring against the Oakland Raiders. Watt, a defensive end, has three touchdowns this season.

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